THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
March 2009

Upcoming Cultural Events

Anishnabe Concert

March 7th, 2009
SMC Lyons Theater
Dowagiac, Michigan
4:30p.m-8:00p.m.

Doors will open @ 3:00 p.m. Feel free to walk around to look at the vendors, meet and socialize with new and present friends. Also finger foods will be served during this time along with door prizes throughout the night.

There are many ways to preserve our Culture and Language through modern and old ways, through the teachings from our Elders, unity in our communities, through dance, through ceremonies, and through songs. Singing has been part of our people for 100s of years. Not only do our singing and songs uplift our spirits and send our prayers, it's another way to give prayers of hope to our people for a new day and for many generations to come, in hope of keeping our language and Cultural traditions alive.

There will be three different groups that will be presenting on this night. They span from an Oldies band-Phoenix, traditional hand drumming group-Snowbirds, to singing pop/oldies songs in the language-Helen Roy & David Fuhst.

If you would like to attend this night of fun and entertainment please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Potawatomi @ 1-888-330-1234.

Bgesh Bama pi!
(Hope to see you later)

Full Moon Ceremony

March 11th, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin-Dowagiac, Michigan

This is a women's ceremony; we women are the providers of life. This ceremony is another way of honoring our Grandmother Moon and all that is provided to us. Our ancestors have done this ceremony for hundreds of years. When I was little we had them monthly, now is the time for me to continue this tradition as our ancestors have done for many years and bring our people together to unite in a respectful way, The Anishnabe way of life, we remember our roots as Anishnabe people, our traditions and where we come from the Creator, to respect one another and all walks and forms of life that the Creator and Mother Earth have given us to provide life for ourselves and culture to our people. Now it is up to us to keep this Anishnabe way of Life going to our future generations to come. Our Culture makes us who we are as a people.

Angie Francisco will be the conductor of this ceremony. Those women that wish to attend needs to bring a skirt and a dish to pass. We will be holding this ceremony by the teaching cabin with a feast following the ceremony.

If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Band Potawatomi @ 1-888-330-1234.

Craft Class

March 23rd, 2009
Department of Education
Rogers Lake-Dowagiac, Michigan
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

March 18th, 2009
Mishawaka Office
Mishawaka, Indiana
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Spiritual Healer

March 25th-29th of 2009
Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin

Jake Pine from Ontario, Canada will be here on the days 25th-27th for healing & on the 29th, there will be a Healing Lodge @ 10:00 a.m. Appointments are in half hour increments from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with the hour of 12-1 not being available due to lunch. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Band Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Those that plan on coming to the Healing Lodge on Saturday, will need to bring their own towel, long shorts, and a t-shirt (no fitted t-shirts). Women on their cycle, will not be able to come in the Healing Lodge.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SEMA
(tobacco)



Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

This issue and past issues of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for membership submissions for the April newsletter will be **March 14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday –1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Kittie Collett 3/28/45
Dowagiac, Michigan



Kittie is the daughter of Doris (Starrett) and Ernest Carpenter (deceased) they were good parents. She lived in the Dowagiac area all her life. She has 17 grandchildren, 11Great grand children. She has 3 brothers and 3 sisters. They are Lucky,Skippy, Mark, Carpenter, sisters Mary Ruple, Gloria Ridenour, and Ginger Kiggins. She has 7 children three girls and 4 boys and lost one at 2 months, they are Deena Henslee, Preston Collett, Cory Collett, Stacy Collett all of Dowagiac. Kristina Henslee of Cassopolis, Jeffery Collett of Decatur.

Kittie worked at United Shade for 13 years and is now retired at age 63. She will be 64 March 28th.

Kittie loves to Bowl and loves to go to Bingo!! She still goes to church at Calvary Bible ahw has attended Calvary Bible all her life.

She attends the Elders lunches as much as she can and enjoys basket making and language class and the Business meetings there also.

Attention All Students: MIEA Scholarships

Don't forget the Michigan Indian Elders Association is offering at least one $1000 and four $500 scholarships to the college bound students. Awards selected from most qualified by a panel of judges. K-12 students can be awarded

$25 for each marking period with straight A's and/or perfect attendance.

$3000 is available and if entries exceed this amount there may be a lottery drawing. For entries either contact Pokagon Education or on line to MIEA at michiganindianedlers.org

Time is closing in to enter so hurry and get entered.

We as parents and grandparents are so proud of you, we want you to enter.
Bonnie Parrish, committee person

March 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chili W/ Turkey Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit/ Pumpkin Pies	3 Pork Barbeque Sweet Potatoes Baked Beans/ Coleslaw Veggie Tray/ Applesauce	4 Buffalo Lasagna Tossed Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread/ Fruit	5 Business Lunch Whitefish or Sausage Alfredo Noodles Spinach Fruit Salad / Rolls	6 Beef Goulash W/ Kidney Beans Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad Peaches Rolls
9 Potato Soup Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Veggie Tray Pears	10 Carved Ham Sweet Potatoes Succotash/ Tomato Salad Jell-O Poke Cake/ Rolls	11 Salmon Patties Scalloped Potatoes Peas W/ Pearl Onions Cottage Cheese/ Pineapple/ Roll	12 Rutabaga & Chicken Stew Jell-o W/ Fruit Garlic Bread Tossed Salad	13 Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Squash Fruit Salad/ Rolls
16 Ham and Bean Soup Chicken Breast Sandwich Mixed Green Salad/Roll Blueberry Pie	17 Corn Beef & Cabbage Potatoes & Carrots Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Rolls/Yogurt Cups	18 Buffalo Tacos W/Lettuce Tomatoes, Onions, Beans, & Cheese Berries/ Pumpkin Pie	19 Social Lunch Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Succotash/ Spinach Salad Tropical Fruit Salad/ Rolls	20 Beer Battered Cod or Hotdog French Fries Coleslaw/ Watermelon Green Beans/ Rolls
23 Veggie Burgers Macaroni and Cheese Collard Greens Apple Pies	24 Polish Beef Sausage Sauerkraut Mashed Potatoes/ Roll Corn/ Tomato Salad	25 Pork Roast Red Potatoes Asparagus Tossed Salad/Roll/ Apple Sauce	26 Shake & Bake Chicken Baked Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Banana Pudding/ Rolls	27 Buffalo Sloppy Joes Spanish Rice Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Strawberries/ Jell-O Cups
30 Baked Tilapia (Fish) Au Gratin Potatoes Mixed Veggies/ Rolls/ Fruit	31 Chili Cheese Dogs Baked Fries/ Pears Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots		Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.	

PER CAPITA INFORMATION

0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0299	Frank	Gonzalves	Leonardo
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0507	Tara	Jeanine	Davis
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
2871	Sarah	Elizabeth	Pillow
4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado

Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment Committee is looking for a volunteer to sit on their committee. This is not a paid position. It is strictly volunteer. You must have an eye for meticulous detail. Meetings are the second Monday of the month. @ 5:30 p.m. Other meetings may be called. If you are interested call Kelly Curran at 888.376.9988 or 782.6323

Pokagon Band Head Start

The program is currently at full enrollment for the current 2008-2009 School Year, however the program always accepts applications for the waiting list. School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30. We provide transportation to the Dowagiac & Hartford area with central pick-up and drop-off locations (the bus route is limited to no longer than one hour with children on the bus). We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated throughout each day. Each week the center begins with an opening ceremony and ends each week with a closing ceremony. The program does accept children with disabilities.

Enrollment for 2009-2010 School year

The program will begin accepting pre-applications for the 2009-2010 School Year in January. Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009-2010 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. The pre-application must be returned by May 31, 2009 with proof of all household income (check stubs, W2's, tax return, per capita stubs, child support stubs etc.) to be considered for enrollment. The pre-application deadline is May 31, 2009. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment.

All applications received by the deadline will be considered for enrollment. The Head Start Program accepts all income-eligible children first. There are several other factors that determine priority for the Head Start Program (Household income, Native American vs. Non-Native, Disabilities, 4 year old vs. 3 year old, family status, returning students and any referrals from social services agencies).

Any pre-applications received after the deadline will be placed on the waiting list by priority until an open slot becomes available. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority, in the same way they are ranked for enrollment.

All applicants will be notified by mail the week after the deadline as to whether they have been selected for enrollment or selected for the waiting list. The applicants that are selected for enrollment will receive the full application packet with a list of medical requirements and documentation that must be submitted with the application packet by June 30, 2009. If the application packet, medical requirements and documentation are not returned by June 30, 2009, then the applicant will be placed on the waiting list and the next applicant will be offered the slot. The applicants that are selected for the waiting list will receive a letter stating the child has been placed on the waiting list.

Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Upcoming Events/Closures

*March 26, 2009—Family Fun Night from 6-8.
*April 6-10, 2009—School closed for Spring Break.
*April 13, 2009—Closed in observance of Easter Sunday.
*April 30, 2009—Family Fun Night from 6-8.
*May 14, 2009—Last Day of School & Graduation Day.

Happy Birthday to You!

March Birthdays:
*Katelynn Karnes—March 2—Happy 4th Birthday!
*Molly Potter—March 17—Happy 5th Birthday!
*Jordon Townsend—March 24—Happy 4th Birthday!
*Mr. Paul Miller—March 21—Happy Birthday!

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Summer is a time for planning for the upcoming school year. This is also a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the next school year. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls to put on the bottom of the kids' chair so they do not scratch the floor, play dough, wet wipes, one time use disposable cameras, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles or any school supplies. To prepare for the upcoming summer months, the following items are always good things to donate; spray sunscreen, bug repellent spray, bubbles, children's gardening tools and any outdoor toys. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.

School & Bus Closings

1. If Dowagiac Schools are closed, Pokagon Band Head Start is closed.
2. If Dowagiac Public Schools have a 2-hour delay, then the Pokagon Band Head Start will have a 2-hour delay. This means school will begin at 10:30 rather than 8:30. For transportation purposes, please plan for your child to be picked up 2 hours after their normal bus time.
3. If Cassopolis schools are closed, we will not travel to those areas.
4. If Hartford schools are closed, we will not travel to those areas.
5. You may watch Channel 16 (NBC) out of South Bend, Channel 22 (WSBT) out of South Bend, Channel 28 (WSJV) out of South Bend and Channel 3 (WWMT) out of Kalamazoo to view the listings. **We will try to have the postings on these news stations by 6:30 a.m. However, whatever closing/delay that Dowagiac lists, Pokagon Head Start will follow.
6. If Dowagiac Public Schools cancel classes early, then Pokagon Band Head Start will cancel classes early. Parents will be contacted to inform them of the early closure and to confirm that children shall be transported to their normal destinations. **Please note...it is the responsibility of the parent to notify the day care providers of early closures, so they can allow for proper adult to child ratios, not the center.

**It is always the discretions of the bus drivers and bus monitors to determine if the road conditions are safe. If the drivers begin the routes and they feel they will be transporting in unsafe conditions, they may call of the bus route for the day. If this happens, they will call the center and staff will begin to notify families immediately according to the bus schedule. In this instance, it would be a self-transport day.

Pokagon Band Department of Education Academic Enrichment Labs

Dowagiac K-5th Enrichment Lab: Mondays, 4:00 – 5:15 pm
Pokagon Band Head Start - Transportation is provided from Dowagiac Elementary schools

Dowagiac 6th-12th Grades Enrichment Lab: Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Pokagon Band Department of Education - Transportation is provided from the Dowagiac Middle and High Schools

Hartford Enrichment Lab: Wednesdays, 3:15 – 4:15 pm
Red Arrow Elementary, Hartford

Notre Dame Enrichment Lab
The first and third Wednesdays until April 15th, 4:30-7:30 pm
Transportation leaves Pokagon Education Building at 4:30 pm and arrives at Notre Dame by 5:30 pm. Notre Dame Labs are open for all 5th-12th grades, not just Dowagiac students. Meet us at Pokagon Education Building and ride along with us or join us at Notre Dame.

March 4th
No Labs - Dowagiac half day.

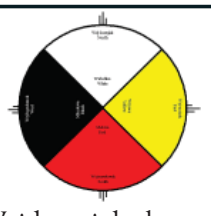
April 1st
We will pick up 5th grade students from home due to K- 5 Dowagiac Schools having a half day if necessary - Please make arrangements.

If you are interested in enrolling, please call (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 and ask for Penny, Becky, or Laurel.

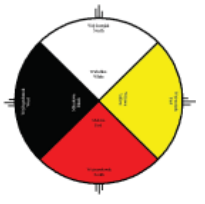
Thursday Math/Writing Sessions

There will be a one-hour study basic math and/or writing session held weekly on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pokagon Department of Education in Dowagiac for members working towards their GED. This will begin next Thursday, February 12th. If you are interested in participating, please give our office a call at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 and ask for Traci Henslee.

The Pokagon Band Department of Education is looking for volunteers who would be interested in working with members in basic math and writing. If you are interested, please contact our office at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 and ask for Marie Willis.



Medicine Wheel



North- Wej ksenjak the color is white-Wabshka.
One of the gifts of the north is wisdom. The medicine for the north is Sweetgrass-Mishkos. The north is the direction of winter-Bbon.

East- Wej mokek the color is yellow-Wizawa
Some of the gifts of the east are birth and rebirth. The medicine for the east is tobacco-Sema. The east is the direction of spring-Mnokme.

South- Wej nawkwek the color is red-Mskwa.
Some of the gifts of the south are determination and strength. The medicine for the south is cedar-Kishke or Shkop. The south is the direction of summer-Niben.

West- Wej bgeshmok the color is black-Mkedéwa.
Some of the gifts of the west are perseverance and sacrifice. The medicine for the west is sage-wabshkebyek. The west is the direction of the fall- Dgwagé.

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm at the community center in Gun Lake. Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at the community center in Athens, MI. Dowagiac classes are being held in the Niles campus of SMC until April. Get a ride at Education. Bus leaves at 6:15pm. Class runs 7-9pm in room 208.

The Magic of Reading

The Magic Tree House
(2nd grade and up)

Submitted by Laurel Bieschke, Education Associate

Wouldn't you just love to leave behind the slush and snow, subzero temperatures, and snow pants for a trip overseas? How about a trip through time and space? The Magic Tree House collection of books by Mary Pope Osborn offers over forty adventures to help escape the winter blues. In the series, a brother and sister duo from Frog Creek, Pennsylvania stumble across a magic tree house filled with books that can transport them back in time. With the help of Moran Le Fay, Jack and Annie become Master Librarians who must save stories from ancient libraries. Throughout their travels they encounter Vikings, Spartans, ninjas, and even mummies who attempt to foil their plans.

The Magic Tree House series has been translated into 29 languages and is sold in 31 countries. In addition to the 43 fictional novels, Mary Pope Osborn has co-authored 13 non-fiction companion Magic Tree House Research Guides which delve into the historical context of the worlds Jack and Annie visit. The official Magic Tree House offers Magic Tree House Passport Stamps for each series of trivia questions answered correctly.

The Pokagon Library is pleased to offer the Magic Tree House series in its entirety so you, too, can become a Master Librarian!

Learning Palettes

The Learning Palette system is an engaging hands-on tool for early Math, Reading, and Language Arts. The step-by-step process built into it is almost intuitive – children can easily work independently, although it is a fun way to work with your child, as well. The Department of Education has a full set of them and individual packets can be purchased through Usborne at the website mentioned below.

Learning Palette base and Learning Palette cards are both essential components of the Learning Palette. The Learning Palette base includes 12 colored answer disks, an instructional card, and a self-containing lid and works with all card titles.

Features:
- Easy and Fun to use
- Classroom tested
- Works with all curriculum
- Allows students to work at their own pace
- Unique Self-correction

How to use the Learning Palette:

1. Remove the small colored disks
2. Position card, question side up, on the Learning Palette.
3. Answer questions by placing their corresponding colored disk in the slot containing the answer.
4. Upon completion, turn the card over to check the answers. If done correctly, the colors on the card will match those of the disks. For more review, the questions and their correct answers are also shown on this side.

Palettes can be found in the Pokagon Department of Education Office. You are welcomed to use the in the Library.

More information can be found at: http://www.usbornehomeschoolbooks.com/Learning_Wrap-Ups.htm

Summer Programs for Pokagon Youth

Applications are now available for the following summer programs:

Pokagon Summer School

July 6th -July 30th , Mon-Thurs
Location: Pokagon Band Head Start Building
For youth entering K-6th grades in Fall 2009

The Pokagon Summer School is an opportunity for students to keep their minds sharpened during the summer and to prepare them for success in the upcoming school year. Morning classes are taught by certified teachers and focus on reading, math and science. Afternoon workshops focus on cultural programs, including the Potawatomi language.
Limited transportation is available to and from areas local to Dowagiac.

Pokagon Summer Enrichment Program

June-August 2009
Location: Anywhere in the United States
For youth entering 7th-12th grades in Fall 2009

The Tribal Council will fund summer programs (up to $500) for a limited number of youth. The types of programs to be funding include Life Skills Programs, Enrichment Camps, Workshops, Pre-College Summer Classes, and Conferences. Interested tribal youth are encourages to ask school counselors and club leaders about possible opportunities. Also, youth can contact the Pokagon Department of Education for some suggestions.

Pokagon Summer Camp

June 19th-June 28th
Location: Rodgers Lake Property, Dowagiac
For youth entering 2nd-12th grades in Fall 2009

The Pokagon Summer Camp is divided into three sessions this year: Session I , June 19th-Jun 21st, is for youth entering grades 2nd-4th,. Session II, June 21st – June 25th, is for youth entering grades 9th -12th and Session III, June 25th-June 28th , is for youth entering grades 5th-8th.

Campers will be staying in the Pokagon cabins.

Pokagon Summer Internship Program

July 6th-July 30th, Mon-Thurs
Location: Pokagon Band Departments

For youth ages 14-18 entering junior or high school in Fall 2009

Pokagon youth are given the opportunity to work in tribal departments for a four week period during the month of July. The youth will gain valuable employment skills and will learn more about how the tribe really operates.

Applications for these programs are due on April 15th.
For more details, please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator
at 1-888-330-1234 or at penny.brant@pokagon.com .

Some Basic TIPS for Resume, Job Searching, and Filling Out Applications

Some basic tips when preparing your resume, job searching and filling out applications are:
1. USING A PERSONAL DATA SHEET: When an individual begins to work on his/her resume, he/she should begin with the basic information, which is sometimes called a personal data sheet. A personal data sheet should consist of Your Name, Address, Career Objective, Educational Background, Military Experience (if any), and Employment Experience. This form assists in having the basic information readily available in filling out applications and allows for the organization process of your resume.
2. USING A DAILY LOG SHEET: When calling and contacting employers during your job search, one should create a daily log sheet with basic information such as, Date, Name of Company (Address and Phone Number), Person Contacted (and Position or Department if you know it), Method (phone, letter, or in-person), and Results. This form allows for organization of places of employment contacts and assists in tracking follow-up with these organizations.

Both types of sheets should be neatly hand-written or typed and placed in an area which is readily accessible (possibly in a place which is carried at all times) when you are creating your resume, job searching, and filling out applications.

To find out more information, you may call the Pokagon Band Department of Education and ask for Traci Henslee at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234.

Summer Program Employment Opportunities

The Pokagon Band Department of Education is looking for adults who are interesting in spending some of their summer working with the Pokagon Summer programs. The following positions are available:

Pokagon Summer Camp Staff:

Camp Counselors:
Dates needed Friday, June 19th-Sunday, June 28th (Plus one extra day of training prior to camp)
Requirements: Must be at least 20 years old with some college experience along with experience working with youth.
Camp Cook: Dates needed: Friday, June 19th-Sunday, June 28th
Requirements: Must be at least 18 years old with kitchen management experience,
Camp Coordinator: Dates needed: Must be able to work 20 hrs a week the first three weeks of June and must be available the entire duration of camp from Friday, June 19th-Sunday, June 28th . Also will be expected to be able to participate in camp follow-up in the beginning of July.
Requirements: Must be at least 21 years old with college experience and previous camp counselor or planning, teaching, or youth programming experience.

Youth Summer Program Interns:

The Department of Education is seeking two Pokagon college students to participate in a
8 weeks/ 40 hrs a week paid internship for the K-12 programs running approximately June 15th-August 8th.
Interns will work with summer programming including camp, summer school, the summer internship and enrichment programs. Interns may also assist in Fall planning.
Applicants must be at least 18 years old, entering at least sophomore year in college in Fall 2009 with focus on Education, Social Work, Youth Programming or Community Programming.
Please note: Internship hours will not be the traditional 8-5 work day hours. Overnights may be included during camp week. Transportation responsibilities may also be included during summer school.
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All interested applicants for summer camp staff and for summer interns must be willing to submit to and pass criminal background checks and drug screening tests.

Interested? Applications for both programs can be obtained in the following ways:
- By e-mail. Contact Marie Willis at: marie.willis@pokagon.com
- By phone. Contact the Department of Education at:
  1-888-330-1234.

Applications are due by Friday, March 6th.

March Students of the Month

Jessica Renae Stevenson



Jessica Renae Stevenson just turned five on February 13th. She lives in Plainwell and attends Plainwell Head Start. Jessica's parents are Kim Wesaw and Randy Stevenson. Her grandparents are Peggy and Paul Boysen, Dorothy and the late Wayne A. Wesaw. She has four brothers named Khett, Cameron, and Trevor Stevenson. Jessica's favorite food is pizza and she loves broccoli. Her favorite toy is her Teddy Bear named Beary. Beary is two years old and goes everywhere Jessica does. She enjoys ballet dancing and dances everywhere she goes. Jessica wants to be a dancer when she grows up. She enjoys learning Spanish and is also learning the Potawatomi language. She enjoys school and her friends. She would love to go to Tennessee and meet her all time idol, Hanna Montana. When asked the question, "What makes you proud to be Native American?" she answered, "Because I get to dance at the Pow-wows and eat Indian tacos, and I like the dresses and the drums."

Joey Riley



Joey Riley is 10 years old. She is in the 5th grade at New Buffalo Elementary. Her parents are Jeffrey L. Brown (mother), Lance Brown (step-father), and Joseph Riley (father). Joey's grandmother is Paula Genereaux and great-grandma is Jacqueline Genereaux. Her brothers and sisters include Rhian, Megan, Logan, Drew, Austin and Madison. Joey has one niece named Ava-Marie Ledesma. Her mother, Jeffrey, worked for the tribe for years and is currently working for the Four Winds Casino. When Joey lived in Hartford she participated in the Enrichment labs. Joey likes to attend Pow-wows and participate in the JOM. She loves strawberries. Joey enjoys playing her Nintendo DS, swimming, and playing softball. Someday Joey would like to become a professional softball player. "My pride to be Native American was taught to me since birth and my mom always tells us to hold our heads high and be proud", said Joey, passionately. Everything in her house and the things her family owns is mostly to do with culture. She also likes when they talk about Native Americans in school and she always raises her hand when they ask "don't we have Native Americans in our class"? Joey feels very proud to be able to do that.

Chelsie Drake



Chelsie Drake is the daughter of Jennifer Drake and granddaughter of Dave and Deb Aukerman. She has one older brother, Chase. Chelsie attends second grade at Mattawan Early Elementary, where she loves to read. She is very determined to do her best in everything she does, and hopes to become a nurse some day like her Auntie Pam. Chelsie is also involved with Michigan OIDV, which she says "I'll do forever, for my Auntie Pam."
When the snow melts, Chelsie will be able to engage in her favorite activities—swimming and soccer. Her favorite food is chocolate, and her favorite team is the Detroit Tigers. This past summer, Chelsie had a blast and made many new friends at Pokagon Summer Camp. She looks forward to participating in future tribal activities, and is very eager to learn about her heritage and the Potawatomi language. She is very proud to be a Native American because of her dad.

Discussion on Potawatomi Village Sites in Michigan with Dr. Ben Secunda

Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 2 PM
Head Start Building at Rodgers Lake

Dr. Ben Secunda is working on a project to research and document Potawatomi village sites in Michigan of the Removal Period (1800-1850). This project is being sponsored by the Pokagon Band and is funded through a grant from the National Park Service. Anyone interested in the project is invited to attend the Pokagon Band Traditions/Repatriation Committee meeting on March 14 where Ben will be providing an update.

Dr. Secunda has worked in the past on projects to research Removal Period sites in Indiana as well as the 1833 Leopold Pokagon village site at the Indiana-Michigan border, and has done this research in close cooperation with the Band. There has been a great deal of interest shown in his past presentations at Tribal Council meetings and at the University of Notre Dame.

Survey Workers Also Needed for Site Visits
Dr. Secunda also intends to conduct field surveys of significant sites early this spring in Michigan as part of this project. He needs field assistants for the site walkovers, and would like to have interested Pokagon Band members participate.

For more information on the March 14 presentation or the future site surveys, please contact Mark Parrish or Kevin Daugherty at 269-782-9602.

Notice to All Artists Who Are Pokagon Band Members

Thank You! to all the artists who contributed their work to the Four Winds Casino Gift Shop Consignment Program. The Pokagon Tribal Artwork section is beautiful and is continuing to experience good sales.

The gift shop at Four Winds Casino Resort has been open awhile and will need more art in the months to come. You are invited to bring new artwork every other month at an informal meeting.
The next review will be held on Saturday April 11.thThe review will take place between 10:00am to Noon at the Four Winds Casino Hotel.
This will be in a conference room - just inquire at the front desk. Amy Senninger, who is the Liaison for the Tribal Artists, and the Gift Shop Management Team will be there to meet artists and review their artwork. We will be available as resources on that day to discuss what is selling and why. The most popular price range is in the range of $15.00 to $60.00. We are starting to sell more expensive items on occasion. We will offer our thoughts on creating a balanced collection with items in all price ranges, including a few high-end ones.
Jewelry and crafts that have “casino” themes, such as dice, cards etc. seem to be experiencing popularity, but buying habits are as many and varied as the people buying. The main thing is to focus on what truly brings you pleasure to make. You do not have to be a professional artist or have lots of things to sell to be eligible. We can work with artists who live out of state.
We are always looking for new and unique items to showcase.
In addition, Amy will offer on-the-spot tips on how to present artwork in the most saleable way for the lowest cost, with regards to matting and framing.

Bring what you have and get ideas on how to sell it!

Amy Senninger
amysenninger@gmail.com
269-932-5260

YOU MUST BE A POKAGON BAND MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLACING YOUR WORK IN THE GIFT SHOP AT FOUR WINDS CASINO RESORT.

LIHEAP FY 2009



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS?

The Social Services Department is accepting applications for LIHEAP. Remember this program is designed to provide a one time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. ***The program is designed to assist members living within our service area; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties in Indiana; and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan.***

- To apply call or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Phone number (269) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 or you may fax information to (269) 782-4295. Information may also be found on the Pokagon website.
- Proof of all household income is needed:
    1. 2007 or 2008 income tax return and/or
    2. Proof of last 30 days of income, including Per Capita and/or
    3. Award letters from (SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, VA, etc…) and/or
    4. Child Support Received or paid or
    5. Completion of Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.
- *Providers Bill*.
- Tribal identification is also needed.

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	28,310
2	37,021
3	45,732
4	54,443
5	63,154
6	71,865

** For family units of more than 6 members, add 3% to 132% for each additional member, and multiply the new percentage by $54,443.

ATTENTION: POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221



Feel like your home is an energy money pit? Managing your home energy use doesn't have to break the bank. Maintaining a comfortable, energy efficient home can be as simple as identifying wasted energy and making easy, inexpensive changes.

Join us for a free seminar to learn simple, inexpensive ways you can manage your home energy use. Professional energy auditors will explain how to identify wasted energy and make your home more efficient

Door Prize:
Home Energy Audit from Energy Diagnostics valued at $500
Saturday, March 14, 2009
10 a.m. - Noon
Cass County District Library, 319 M-62, Cassopolis
FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Please RSVP to Lori at 269-445-1139

Personal Financial Skills Training Offered to Tribal Members

What: "Managing Checking and Savings Accounts" – the 3rd in a 5 class series in personal financial skills

Where: Pokagon Band Head Start Building, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac

When: 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Tuesday, March 17 or 9:30 – noon, Saturday, March 21 (same class, different date)

Who: All Pokagon Band tribal members and spouses/partners (regardless of county of residence)

Why: To strengthen the personal financial skills of Pokagon Band families, thereby empowering them to better meet their families' needs

How often: One two-hour class per month, starting with a light meal half an hour before class begins

What else: Child care provided for children 3 to 13 years old

What to do: Call or email right away: Val Janowski: 269 783-0443 or 877 983-0385; Valerie.Janowski@Pokagon.com

Classes are held on a monthly basis and have been scheduled for the entire year. Every month's class features a different topic. Participants are encouraged to attend on a monthly basis. Participants who attend the entire series of five classes will receive a $25 gift card. Should you miss a month's class, you may attend during the next series of classes as the classes will be repeated on an ongoing basis. Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Month	Tues.	Sat.	Class Topic
March	17	21	Managing Checking & Savings Accounts
April	14	18	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
May	12	16	Accessing Credit 101
June	16	20	"Circle of Life" – Native people Have Always Planned & Saved *
July	14	18	Developing a Spending Plan
August	11	15	Managing Checking & Savings Accounts
September	15	19	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
October	13	17	Accessing Credit 101
November	17	21	Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays
December	15	19	More Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

* "Circle of Life" is the start of a new series of classes
Tuesdays – dinner at 5:30, class from 6 – 8 pm. Saturdays: light meal at 9:30, class from 10 – noon
Classes will always be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, as well as the preceding Tuesday. Both days will feature the same topic. Alternate days and times are offered for members with different schedules. The location of the classes will also remain the same. The financial skills program is connected with the Pokagon Head Start program only in that the classes are held at Head Start. Members do not need to have a child enrolled in order to attend. Child care will be available at no charge by trained and certified providers. Attendance is limited to 20 participants. Register now to reserve your spot.

Overview of 2009 Financial Empowerment Classes

Pokagon Band recently started a personal financial skills program to help tribal members better meet the financial needs of their families. The Band has adopted a curriculum called "Building Native Communities - Financial Skills for Families." It was designed for Native communities and is being used by tribes across the country. The program consists of a series of five monthly classes. Each month's class features a different topic. All sessions begin with a cultural presentation that relates the contemporary lesson to traditional teachings. Classes include activities that are meant to engage participants in light-hearted ways. Participants who attend all five classes will receive a $25 gift card. The series of classes will be repeated twice a year, so should you miss a class, you can attend when the next time that topic is offered. Due to classroom space limitations, class size is limited to 20 participants. Participants may alternate from a Tuesday evening to a Saturday morning session if necessary.

Session 3: Managing Checking and Savings Accounts
March: This session helps class participants manage financial resources more effectively. Participants will also learn how to protect against forgery. Remember: "Keep good records!" Traditionally, Native people demonstrated tremendous skill in managing resources to support their communities on an ongoing basis. Traditional life involved choices about when and how to use and save resources. Native people used what was needed at the present time, then preserved the rest for the future. The same idea of saving for the future inspires us to do likewise.

Session 4: Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
April: For generations, Native communities migrated throughout the year to be near the natural resources that supported each community. Native people often followed migration patterns and lived in what is called a "traditional economy"—one in which a community could provide for its own needs. History, however, forced Native communities to transition from providing for their own needs to having to purchase goods and services from others—a "market economy." Learn about the importance of credit, the advantages & disadvantages of using credit, as well as the types of credit. Also covered will be credit reports, correcting errors in credit reports, and tips for creating, maintaining and reestablishing your credit history. Remember: "Think long term!"

Session 5: Accessing Credit 101
May: Learn how to use credit to build a strong Native community, one family at a time. We'll review the entire loan application process. Together we'll learn how loan applications are evaluated. You'll participate in an exercise on evaluating sample loan applications. You will play the role of a member of a credit committee and help evaluate sample loan applications. You'll also gain insights about credit interviews, credit scoring and credit denials. Get tips on credit repair and credit restructuring.
Learn about financial systems before and after European contact. Long before the modern banking and financial system was developed, there was interaction and trade between Native communities across great distances. Learn how your ancestors participated in a complex economic system. Build on this knowledge and incorporate the tools and resources of our modern economy to benefit your family and your community. Learn all about the modern financial tool which we call "loans." Become familiar with various rates, terms, and fees. Learn how to restructure loans and how to avoid predatory lending.

Session 1: The Circle of Life – Traditional and Modern Economies
June: Learn about Native resource management strategies, including how the "circle of life"— the traditional concept that all of life has cyclical patterns—can help us all make better financial decisions. We'll discuss our local economy, how to plug a "leaking economy," and how to better circulate money in our communities. We'll be challenged to develop short and long term actions that we can take to strengthen our community's self-reliance and build our local and tribal economies.

Session 2: Developing a Spending Plan
July: Saving and budgeting were very important skills in traditional economies. The community masterfully put aside savings—food and other items—to ensure that needs were met year round. Learn how the "circle of life"--the traditional concept that all life has cyclical patterns--can help you make sound financial decision even in our present times. Track your spending! Learn the importance of tracking--your spending, your debt and your income. Learn, too, how to develop savings goals and a spending plan, and how to use spending plan worksheets (daily, weekly, monthly and annually). Learn dozens of tips on managing spending—such as freezing your ATM and credit cards in a container of water. This will give you time to think before making a purchase

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Special topic: Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays
November: Get tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts..

Special topic: More Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays
December: Get more tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend on gifts while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy 7th Birthday
Adrianna and Brianna! 3/15
We love our little cheerleaders!
Love, Nana Susie, Tia Rhonda, Uncle David,
and your cuz Sierra

Bonnie Parrish Happy Birthday to our beautiful granddaughter Elliot Parrish who will turn 17 on March 3th
We love you very much, Gram and Gramp Parrish



Happy Belated 25th Birthday
Jason Ketchum 2/5

Love, Jessica, Ethan and Emily



Happy Birthday to our son,
Henry Jefferson Grubb II
36 years old.

Love Mom and Dad



Happy 9th Birthday
Myrriam Grubb

From Mom and Day

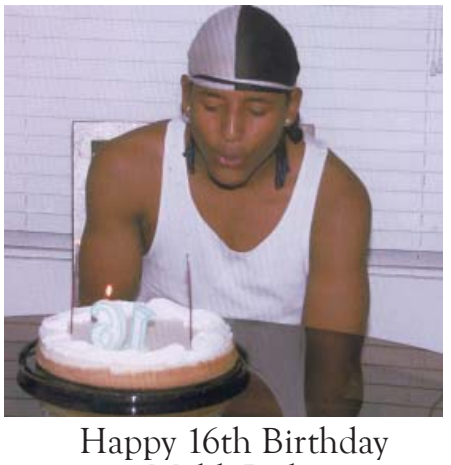


Happy 80th Birthday
Grandma Jeanette Brown
From Your Granddaughter Konnie



Happy Birthday Mom (Jessica Colter) 2/7

Love, Emily and Ethan



Happy 16th Birthday
Malik Birks

From Big Daddy and Mommica



Happy 1st Birthday
March 31st
Sydney Ann Olson

Love, Mom and Dad














Elders Christmas Party 2008



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58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232 /
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FAX (269) 782-7988

Election
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9475 /
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Human Resources / Compliance
57365 M-51 South
(269) 782-8163 - Human Resources
(269) 782-5198 - Compliance
Toll free- (Coming Soon)

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
April 2009

Pow-Wow Committee Seeks Community Involvement!

- T-Shirt Design Contest -

The Pow-Wow Committee is once again hosting a T-Shirt Design Contest for our 24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-wow! Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa, translated to "Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest," is the largest community event the Pokagon Band holds every year. The artist with the winning design will be awarded a $200 cash prize. Please send jpeg images to Micky at michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com by Thursday, April 30, 2009. The Pow-Wow Committee looks forward to many great designs!

- Caterer Needed -

The Pow-Wow Committee is seeking a Pokagon citizen to cater the Saturday evening feast and Sunday breakfast for the annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-Wow. The feast is to be held Saturday, September 5, 2009 at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion for an expected 500 Pow-Wow participants. The breakfast will be held Sunday morning, September 6, 2009 for an estimated 200 campers. Interested individuals should submit a bid. In your bid, please include your contact information, a proposed dinner menu, total price, and a short list of previous events catered. Send your submissions to Micky at michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com. Deadline for submission is Thursday, April 30, 2009.

Healing Lodge

April 25th, 2009 | Starting @ 10:00 a.m.
Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin, Dowagiac, Michigan

Jake Pine, Traditional Healer from Ontario, Canada, will be the conductor. The healing lodge is located behind the teaching cabin at Rodgers Lake. If you attend you will need to bring a towel, long shorts, and a t-shirt. Women on their moon time (cycle) will not be able to participate. Please bring a dish to pass.

Jake Pine will also be here for Spirtual Healing Appointments on April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Appointments are in half hour increments from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with the hour of 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. not available due to lunch.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

1st Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament

The 1st Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament Planning Committee would like to extend a special invitation to all Pokagon veteran golfers. In honor of this inaugural event, the Golf Tournament registration fee will be waived for a limited number of Pokagon Band veteran golfers. Free registration available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Register today! The golf outing will take place on May 22, 2009.

For additional information, contact Butch at (269) 591-2901 or Roger at (616) 245-4316.



Hand Drum Making

Teaching

Rogers Lake

Tribal Lodge Pavilion

Dowagiac, Michigan

May 8th

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please call

Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate

Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
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Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

Human Resources and Compliance have moved

Human Resources and Compliance have moved to the Administrative Health Building located at 57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI.
This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information (Page 31).

This issue and past issues of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.
To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for membership submissions for the May newsletter will be **April 14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday –1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

April 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
Note: 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/ burgers.		1 Buffalo Stew Garden Salad W/ Red Peppers Yogurt W/ Fruit Rolls	2 Business Lasagna Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots Banana Vanilla Wafer Pudding Rolls	3 Barbeque Chicken or Salmon Patty Scalloped Potatoes Brussels Sprouts/ Tomato Salad Peaches/ Rolls
6 Language Minestrone Soup Roast Beef Sandwich Veggie Tray Fresh Fruit	7 Buffalo Meatballs W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots Strawberries/ Rolls	8 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Fruit Salad/ Rolls Fortune Cookie	9 Barbeque Pork Chops Baked Potato Corn on the Cob/ Tomato Salad Apple Crisp/ Rolls	10 **Closed** **Good Friday**
13 Language Buffalo Sloppy Joes Homemade Potato Salad Veggie Tray Watermelon	14 Baked Tilapia (Fish) or Chef Salad Spanish Rice Asparagus Fruit Salad/ Rolls	15 Turkey Spaghetti Garden Salad Collard Greens Yogurt W/ Fruit/ Garlic Bread	16 Social Boiled Dinner (Sausage, Potatoes, Beans, Onions, Cabbage, & Corn) Tomato Salad/ Corn Bread Angel Food Cake W/ Strawberries	17 Taco Bake or Veggie Burger Carrots Coleslaw Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Sherbet
20 Language Beef Stroganoff Garden Salad Green Beans Peaches/ Cottage Cheese/ Rolls 27 Sausage, egg, and Cheese Burritos Hash Browns Fruit Salad with Mangos/ O.J.	21 Salmon or Buffalo Brats Macaroni And Cheese Broccoli Blueberries/ Rolls 28 Chicken Pot Pie Garden Salad Fruit Pizza/ Rolls	22 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Carrots Jell-O W/ Fruit/ Rolls 29 Salmon Loaf Baked Potato Spinach/ Peaches/ Rolls Pumpkin Pie	23 Cornish Hens W/ Wild Rice Squash Mixed Salad Fruit Salad/ Rolls 30 Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Asparagus Watermelon/ Rolls	24 Pizza Day (Meat & Meatless) Tossed Salad W/ Avocado Pudding & Fruit

PER CAPITA INFORMATION

PBID	First	Middle	Last
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0299	Frank	Gonzalves	Leonardo
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0507	Tara	Jeanine	Davis
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
2871	Sarah	Elizabeth	Pillow
4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado

Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment Committee is looking for a voluntary to sit on their committee. This is not a paid position. It is strictly volunteer. You must have an eye for meticulous detail. Meetings are the second Monday of the month. @ 5:30 p.m. Other meetings may be called. If you are interested call Kelly Curran at 888-376-9988 or 269-782-6323

The Enrollment committee needs to hear from Jonn Patrick Quigno,
Rhonda Merre Smith, and Karla Renee Quigno.
Please contact the Enrollment office as soon as possible at
1-269-782-1763 or 1-888-782-1001.

Headstart News

The program is currently at full enrollment for the 2008-2009 School Year, however the program always accepts applications for the waiting list. School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30. We provide transportation to the Dowagiac & Hartford area with central pick-up and drop-off locations (the bus route is limited to no longer than one hour with children on the bus). We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi Language and Culture are incorporated throughout each day. Each week the center begins with an opening ceremony and ends each week with a closing ceremony. The program does accept children with disabilities.

Enrollment for 2009-2010 School year

The program will begin accepting pre-applications for the 2009-2010 School Year in January. Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009-2010 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. The pre-application must be returned by May 31, 2009 with proof of all household income (check stubs, W2's, tax return, per capita stubs, child support stubs etc.) to be considered for enrollment. The pre-application deadline is May 31, 2009. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment.

All applications received by the deadline will be considered for enrollment. The Head Start Program accepts all income-eligible children first. There are several other factors that determine priority for the Head Start Program (Household income, Native American vs. Non-Native, Disabilities, 4 year old vs. 3 year old, family status, returning students and any referrals from social services agencies).

Any pre-applications received after the deadline will be placed on the waiting list by priority until an open slot becomes available. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority, in the same way they are ranked for enrollment.

All applicants will be notified by mail the week after the deadline as to whether they have been selected for enrollment or selected for the waiting list. The applicants that are selected for enrollment will receive the full application packet with a list of medical requirements and documentation that must be submitted with the application packet by June 30, 2009. If the application packet, medical requirements and documentation are not returned by June 30, 2009, then the applicant will be placed on the waiting list and the next applicant will be offered the slot. The applicants that are selected for the waiting list will receive a letter stating the child has been placed on the waiting list.

Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Upcoming Events/Closures

*April 6-10, 2009—Closed for Spring Break.
*April 13, 2009—School closed in Observance for Easter Sunday.
*April 17, 2009—Friday 1/2 day make-up snow day.
*April 24, 2009—Friday 1/2 day make-up snow day.
*April 30, 2009—Family Fun Night from 6-8.
*May 1, 2009—Friday 1/2 day make-up snow day.
*May 14, 2009—Last Day of School & Graduation Day.

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Summer is a time for planning for the upcoming school year. This is also a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the next school year. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for include: Inexpensive tennis balls to put on the bottom of the kids' chairs so they do not scratch the floor, play dough, wet wipes, one time use disposable cameras, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles or any school supplies. To prepare for the upcoming summer months, the following items are always good things to donate; spray sunscreen, bug repellent spray, bubbles, children's gardening tools and any outdoor toys. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.

Happy Birthday to You!

April Birthdays:

Jonathan Phillips—April 24, 2009
Happy 5th Birthday!

Mrs. Tracy Hyatt—April 24, 2009
Happy Birthday!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Scott Liggett

Scott Liggett is in the eleventh grade at Edwardsburg High School in Edwardsburg, MI, and will be a member of the 2010 graduating class. Although he hasn't decided what he'd like to do after graduation, he has had thoughts about joining the army. Scott's parents are Scott Liggett Sr. and Tracy Wesaw (Torres), and stepfather, Jose Torres. His four siblings include Marissa, India, Michael, and Gage.

During the summer months Scott loves playing basketball with his brothers and cousins, as well as riding his four-wheeler. His favorite activities include church, hanging out with friends, and attending Pow-wows, which offer one of this favorite foods—Indian tacos! Scott is very involved in singing and drumming at the Pow-wows, and recently showed his younger cousin how to make a hand drum. He has a deep love for his culture, and enjoys reading about Native American traditions, listening to the elders speak, and attending traditional ceremonies. In the past he has even served on the Native American Youth Council.

Scott says he "is proud to be a Native American because our ancestors suffered tremendously and fought battle upon battle for their people and for future generations. They fought so that our people would never die off, so we would have rights among the white people, and to preserve our culture. I am proud to be a descendent of that type of love and loyalty." Keep up the good work, Scott!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Hunter Goodrich

Hunter Goodrich is a second grader at Moccasin Elementary in Buchanan, Michigan. He is part of a large family. Hunter is the son of Patrick and Bobbie Goodrich. His fraternal grandparent is Patty Topash and his maternal grandparents are Rhonda Holstein and Ron Harker. Hunter's great-grandmas are Phyllis Holstein and Norma Harker. His great-grandpa is Gene Holstein. Hunter has one brother, Darrin and one sister, Blaine. In the past, Hunter has attended Summer Camp at Pokagon's campground and has even camped there with his Grandma Patty. In Hunter's own words- "I love the X-Mas party and Back to School Bash. I also get lots of awards from the Education Department party." His favorite food is hot dogs. Hunter enjoys baseball, football, and soccer. Hunter's favorite toy is his football and his favorite activity is playing hockey in his basement. He also likes to play Tony Hawk on his Nintendo DS. Hunter's "dream would be to halfback at The University of Michigan and then get drafted into the Indianapolis Colts." Hunter is most proud to be Native American because "it's nice to be different from everybody else."



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Tyler Deuel

Tyler Deuel attends fifth grade at Sister Lakes Elementary. In addition, he occasionally attends the Pokagon K-5 Enrichment Lab on Mondays, and enjoys learning the Potawatomi language. Tyler has an older sister, Stephany Gross, and a younger sister, Alexis Deuel. His parents are Phillip and Jennifer Deuel. Tyler's grandparents include Martha and Scott McConnell and Phillip Deuel Sr., as well as Diane and Dwight Jackson and Don Comming, respectively.

Tyler enjoys his Playstation, playing board games with his family, and jumping on the trampoline. He also likes having Airsoft Wars with his friends. Tyler's favorite food is pizza, and he loves playing sports. He plays quarterback for his father's Rocket football team and is a pitcher for Michigan Knights, a travel baseball team coached by his dad. Tyler also plays baseball for the Little League, where he is a member of their All-Star Team. Tyler is very proud of his Native American heritage and of how the Pokagon Band conducts itself. He thinks it's awesome to have a trust fund and loves to watch it grow. Keep up the good work, Tyler!

Adult Service Programs

Adult Basic Education (ABE)
An Adult Basic Training Program

Requirements:
1. Must be a Pokagon Band tribal member and provide proof by supplying a copy of Tribal I.D.
2. Must be 18 years or older and U.S. citizen
Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education) and Payment of GED Testing costs and fees. Must contact Pokagon Band Department of Education several weeks prior to testing dates.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
Employment Training Program

Requirements:
1. Native American (federally recognized tribe) and provide proof by supplying copy of Tribal I.D.
2. 18 or older and U.S. citizen and provide copy of driver's license or state I.D.
3. Living in 10-county service area and provide proof of residency by providing a delivered piece of mail.
(Michigan: Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Van Buren; and Indiana: Elkhart, Kosciusko, La Porte, Marshall, St. Joseph and Starke)
4. Registered with Selective Service (if male between ages 18 to 26 and born after 1960) and provide proof.
5. Low Income or Underemployed or Unemployed and provide proof of all household income for the previous 6 months.
Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education), Intake (determine eligibility), Initial Assessment, and Orientation.
Training & Supportive Services: Program Training Activity and Supportive Services (if applicable) enrollment, Program Completion and 1-Year Follow-Up.

WIA COMMON MEASUREABLES:
Employment and Retention!

For more information please contact Traci Henslee, Employment and Training Specialist at 1-888-330-1234 or traci.henslee@pokagon.com

Summer Programs for Pokagon Youth

Applications are now available for the following summer programs:

Pokagon Summer School

July 6th -July 30th , Mon-Thurs
Location: Pokagon Band Head Start Building
For youth entering K-6th grades in Fall 2009

The Pokagon Summer School is an opportunity for students to keep their minds sharpened during the summer and to prepare them for success in the upcoming school year. Morning classes are taught by certified teachers and focus on reading, math and science. Afternoon workshops focus on cultural programs, including the Potawatomi language.
Limited transportation is available to and from areas local to Dowagiac.

Pokagon Summer Enrichment Program

June-August 2009
Location: Anywhere in the United States
For youth entering 7th-12th grades in Fall 2009

The Tribal Council will fund summer programs (up to $500) for a limited number of youth. The types of programs to be funding include Life Skills Programs, Enrichment Camps, Workshops, Pre-College Summer Classes, and Conferences. Interested tribal youth are encourages to ask school counselors and club leaders about possible opportunities. Also, youth can contact the Pokagon Department of Education for some suggestions.

Pokagon Summer Camp

June 19th-June 28th
Location: Rodgers Lake Property, Dowagiac
For youth entering 2nd-12th grades in Fall 2009

The Pokagon Summer Camp is divided into three sessions this year: Session I , June 19th-Jun 21st, is for youth entering grades 2nd-4th,. Session II, June 21st – June 25th, is for youth entering grades 9th -12th and Session III, June 25th-June 28th , is for youth entering grades 5th-8th.

Campers will be staying in the Pokagon cabins.

Pokagon Summer Internship Program

July 6th-July 30th, Mon-Thurs
Location: Pokagon Band Departments

For youth ages 14-18 entering junior or high school in Fall 2009

Pokagon youth are given the opportunity to work in tribal departments for a four week period during the month of July. The youth will gain valuable employment skills and will learn more about how the tribe really operates.

Applications for these programs are due on April 15th.
For more details, please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator
at 1-888-330-1234 or at penny.brant@pokagon.com .

Language Corner

Time

Morning it is ~ Waben
Noon ~ Nawkwe
Afternoon ~ Gishnawkwe
Dusk (getting dark/toward evening) ~ Nenséyak
Dawn~ Waséyabek
Midnight ~ Abtedbekok
Today ~ Ngom
Yesterday ~ Nago
Tomorrow ~ Wabek
Last night ~ Debkok

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the community center in Gun Lake, MI.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Dowagiac classes are being held in the Niles campus of SMC until April.

If you need a ride, a van will be leaving from the Department of Education.

The van leaves at 6:15 p.m.
Class runs 7:00-9:00 p.m. in room 208.

Higher Education Assistance

The Department of Education is able to assist tribal members in costs for the following:

Graduate Entrance Exam Fees (Such as GRE, MCAT, LSAT, etc)
- Assistance up to $250 for one exam (per member)
- Will reimburse exam that was paid for from October 2008
- Must submit paperwork and copy of Tribal ID

Graduate School Application Fees
- Assistance up to $100 (per tribal member)
- Will reimburse fees that were paid from October 2008
- Must submit paperwork and copy of Tribal ID

Major Related Conferences/ Workshops/ Internships
- Assistance up to $400
- Will assist for programs occurring from April 2009
- Must be a full-time student and have completed at least 12 credits of college
- Must submit paperwork and copy of Tribal ID

For more information, please contact Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist at 1-888-330-1234 or at joseph.avance@pokagon.com

Get out and get active!

AHH... spring is in the air, many of us are anticipating the smell of early flowers, feeling the earth through our fingers, and warming up in the bright sun. Along with these sentiments, thoughts of fitting into our summer clothes, especially the bathing suit, might bring a nagging thought that we ate very well over the winter months, gained weight, and exercise didn't happen often enough. Thought of actions to change may be simmering in the back of the mind and the Health Services Department is here to help get those thoughts into motion.
Last month we celebrated National Nutrition Month and the news media focused on many health and nutrition ideas that emphasized good health through portion control, healthy ways to prepare meals, and getting up and moving. But just because March is over, it doesn't mean that good nutrition and healthy lifestyles should lose their focus. Several activities and programs offered by the Health Department are available to help you achieve you goals for good health.

Join us for any of the following opportunities for good health:
Chair Exercise on Tuesday and Friday at 10:45 am at the ELDER'S HALL on Townhall Road, Dowagiac. This program will run through May 22 and is designed to increase aerobic and muscle strength through fun videos all done while sitting on a chair!

Weight Loss Challenge: weekly meetings on Tuesday at 3:30 pm beginning April 7 in the Health Clinic Building 1 Conference Room. Join this fun, informative, and supportive way to learn about good nutrition and physical activity to bring balance to your life style and help shed those unwanted pounds.

Family Fun Walk watch for notice in the May newsletter for more information about this May 16th date.

Walk the Path 2009 The Family Fun Walk in May will be the kick off event for the Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications while your steps are logged to record a "virtual" walk of over 700 miles around Lake Erie to Niagara Falls.

For more information please call Susan, RD, at the Health Services Department, at 888-440-1234 or at 269-782-4141.

Take the Nutrition Quiz!

Are you eating right? Rate your habits with this quick quiz.
Answer the questions below and add up your score.

Do you -----	Most days	Sometimes	Never
Consider nutrition when making food choices?	2	1	0
Avoid skipping meals	2	1	0
Include 3 or more whole grain foods daily	2	1	0
Eat at least 2 ½ cups of veggies daily?	2	1	0
Vary veggies with dark green & orange varieties?	2	1	0
Eat at least 2 cups of fruit daily?	2	1	0
Get 3 cups of low-fat or fat-free milk, yogurt or cheese daily?	2	1	0
Choose lean meats and poultry?	2	1	0
Vary protein with more fish, beans & nuts?	2	1	0
Try to limit saturated fat and trans fat.	2	1	0

Based on Dietary Guidelines 2005, www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines

Contract Health Services Update

Effective May 1, 2009 Contract Health Services will no longer reimburse members that pay, up front, for prescriptions or for prescription co-pays, unless you have an emergency that pertains to life and death situations. Remember when visiting the emergency room, you can requests enough medication, from them, to last you till Contract Health Services opens. With this action, members will no longer have out of pocket expense for approved medications. Please, eligible members may contact your CHS Processor to request a prescription voucher.

We have several pharmacies that will accept our voucher for payment for medications. Pharmacies in Indiana and Michigan that accept our vouchers are listed below. You may contact the Contract Services for addresses and phone numbers.

Meijer Pharmacies 14 locations
Rite Aid Pharmacies 10 locations
Family Fare Dowagiac
Pamida Dowagiac
Pamida Syracuse
Value Drug Allegan
Bio Plus Rx
Day's Rx
Dorr Pharmacy
McDonald Pharmacy South Haven
Main Street Pharmacy Watervliet
New Buffalo Pharmacy
Paw Paw Village Pharmacy
Saugatuck Pharmacy
Swanstra's Pharmacy Bangor
Van's Pharmacy St Joseph
Walgreen's Niles
Wayland Pharmacy
Westside Pharmacy Kalamazoo
L'Anse Pharmacy

Remember Contract Health Services is not an entitlement program or insurance. To access Contract Health Services, eligible tribal members must notify the Pokagon Band Health Department three days in advance of any non-emergency appointment including pharmacy refills, and must call in emergency visits within three days after encounter.
Please be watching for future notifications and updates on possible changes that may effect your Contract Health Service coverage.

For more information or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Lois Wesaw CHS Coordinator at 269-782-4141, or 1-888-440-1234, Ext 234.

Nutrition Quiz Score Sheet

16 to 20 points – Healthy eating seems to be your habit already!
10 to 15 points - You're on track. A few easy changes will make your total eating plan healthier.
0 to 9 points – Sometimes you may eat smart. For your good health, add more smart choices to your eating plan.

If you score 10 points or lower, please call Susan, RD, at 888-440-1234 to discuss how you may be able to revamp your eating patterns and begin a new path and gain balance for a healthier lifestyle.

The Tribal Development Program at Four Winds

Clarity, Challenge, Support – these are the three key elements of the Tribal Development Program (TDP). Launched in April of 2008, the TDP program is part of the ongoing commitment of Four Winds Casino Resort to the education and development of Pokagon Citizens and their spouses employed by the Casino. The program helps participants toward their professional development goals by assessing their current skills, finding relevant educational and professional challenges, and providing the support and mentoring they need to meet those challenges. Benefits to participants include access to leadership and computer courses offered at Four Winds, external professional conferences and seminars, tuition reimbursement for attending GED or college programs, a computer purchase assistance plan, and a well-stocked library of business-related materials and books. This winter, several participants began attending Lake Michigan College's Organizational Management Certificate Program – college courses offered here at Four Winds one night a week.

A key part of the TDP program is the matching of participants with a mentor of their choosing. Mentors are experienced Four Winds employees who volunteer to provide support and encouragement, as well offering goal setting and professional development planning and monitoring.

The TDP program resulted from a management agreement the Pokagon Tribal Council negotiated prior to Four Winds being constructed. The Council and The Pokagon Gaming Authority, as well as our managing partners and onsite staff are committed to the ongoing success of this program. Three Gaming Authority Members sit on the five person Tribal Development Program Committee, which oversees its progress. These include Marchell Wesaw (Chairperson), Judy Winchester and Marie Manley.

If you are interested in employment opportunities at Four Winds Casino Resort, please contact Jennifer Lasiewicz, Manager of Tribal Placement and Development at 269-926-5306 or 1-866-4WINDS1, Ext 5306. Four Winds offers competitive salaries and benefit packages including Blue Cross Blue Shield medical insurance, Delta Dental insurance, vision insurance, short term disability, life insurance, and an on-site wellness center.

Interested Applicants Needed
POKAGON BAND FAMILY WELFARE COMMISSION

In order to protect the best interests of our children, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council formed the Child Welfare Commission by ordinance and resolution, on November 6,2001.

The Commission was designed, not only, to protect the best interests of Pokagon Band children, but also to:

Promote the stability and security of Pokagon Band families;

Recommend to the judicial and administrative agencies involved, a course of action for the guidance and care of Pokagon Band children which most preserves the unity of the family;

Recommend actions that will best serve the cultural, spiritual, emotional, mental and physical welfare of the child;

Recommend a continuum of services for Pokagon Band children and their families with emphasis whenever possible on prevention, early intervention, and community based alternatives;

Recognize and acknowledge the cultural traditions of the Pokagon Band for child-rearing and family preservation.

Please remember the goal of the Commission is to maintain the family unity with a focus on Pokagon Band community values. The Pokagon Band Social Services Department would be happy to provide you with an application and any additional information that you feel would assist you in making a decision to become a Family Welfare Commissioner.
Please call 269-782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 for assistance.



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS?

The Social Services Department is accepting applications for LIHEAP. Remember this program is designed to provide a one time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. ***The program is designed to assist members living within our service area; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties in Indiana; and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan.***

- To apply call or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Phone number (269) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 or you may fax information to (269) 782-4295. Information may also be found on the Pokagon website.
- Proof of all household income is needed:
    1. 2007 or 2008 income tax return and/or
    2. Proof of last 30 days of income, including Per Capita and/or
    3. Award letters from (SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, VA, etc…) and/or
    4. Child Support Received or paid or
    5. Completion of Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.
- *Providers Bill*.
- Tribal identification is also needed.

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	28,310
2	37,021
3	45,732
4	54,443
5	63,154
6	71,865

** For family units of more than 6 members, add 3% to 132% for each additional member, and multiply the new percentage by $54,443.

ATTENTION: POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221

Personal Financial Skills Training Offered to Tribal Members

Door Prizes! Attend a class for a chance to win a $25 gift card, Pokagon Band history book or other great prizes!
No need to attend all five classes or attend classes in any particular order!

What: "Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report" – the 4th in a 5 class series on personal financial skills
Where: Pokagon Band Head Start Building, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac
When: 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Tuesday, April 14 or 9:30 – noon, Saturday, April 18 (same class, different date)
Who: All Pokagon Band tribal members and spouses/partners (regardless of county of residence)
Why: To strengthen the financial skills of Pokagon Band families, thereby empowering them to better meet their families' needs
How often: One two-hour class per month, starting with a light meal half an hour before class begins
What else: Child care provided for children 3 to 13 years old
What to do: Call or email right away: Val Janowski: 269 783-0443 or 877 983-0385; Valerie.Janowski@Pokagon.com

Classes are held on a monthly basis and have been scheduled for the entire year. Every month's class features a different topic. Participants are encouraged to attend on a monthly basis, however, it is not necessary to attend classes in numerical order. Participants who attend the entire series of five classes will receive a $25 gift card. Should you miss a month's class, you may attend during the next series of classes as the classes will be repeated on an ongoing basis. Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Month	Tues.	Sat.	Class No.	Class Topic
April	14	18	4	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
May	12	16	5	Accessing Credit 101
June	16	20	1	"Circle of Life" – Native people Have Always Planned & Saved *
July	14	18	2	Developing a Spending Plan
August	11	15	3	Managing Checking & Savings Accounts
September	15	19	4	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
October	13	17	5	Accessing Credit 101
November	17	21	-	Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays
December	15	19	-	More Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

* "Circle of Life" is the start of a new series of classes

Tuesdays – dinner at 5:30, class from 6 – 8 pm. Saturdays: light meal at 9:30, class from 10 – noon

Classes will always be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, as well as the preceding Tuesday. Both days will feature the same topic. Alternate days and times are offered for members with different schedules. The location of the classes will also remain the same. The financial skills program is connected with the Pokagon Head Start program only in that the classes are held at Head Start. Members do not need to have a child enrolled in order to attend. Child care will be available at no charge by trained and certified providers. Attendance is limited to 20 participants. Register now to reserve your spot.

Overview of Financial Empowerment Classes for 2009

Door Prizes! Attend a class for a chance to win a $25 Gift Card, Pokagon Band history book or other great prizes!

No need to attend all five classes or classes in any particular order!

Pokagon Band recently started a personal financial skills program to help tribal members better meet the financial needs of their families. The Band has adopted a curriculum called "Building Native Communities - Financial Skills for Families." It was designed for Native communities and is being used by tribes across the country. The program consists of a series of five monthly classes. Each month's class features a different topic. All sessions begin with a cultural presentation that relates the contemporary lesson to traditional teachings. Classes include activities that are meant to engage participants in light-hearted ways. Participants who attend all five classes will receive a $25 gift card. The series of classes will be repeated twice a year, so should you miss a class, you can attend when the next time that topic is offered. Due to classroom space limitations, class size is limited to 20 participants. Participants may alternate from a Tuesday evening to a Saturday morning session if necessary.

April - Session 4
Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report

April: For generations, Native communities migrated throughout the year to be near the natural resources that supported each community. Native people often followed migration patterns and lived in what is called a "traditional economy"—one in which a community could provide for its own needs. History, however, forced Native communities to transition from providing for their own needs to having to purchase goods and services from others—a "market economy." Learn about the importance of credit, the advantages & disadvantages of using credit, as well as the types of credit. Also covered will be credit reports, correcting errors in credit reports, and tips for creating, maintaining and reestablishing your credit history. Remember: "Think long term!"

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May - Session 5
Accessing Credit 101

May: Learn how to use credit to build a strong Native community, one family at a time. We'll review the entire loan application process. Together we'll learn how loan applications are evaluated. You'll participate in an exercise on evaluating sample loan applications. You will play the role of a member of a credit committee and help evaluate sample loan applications. You'll also gain insights about credit interviews, credit scoring and credit denials. Get tips on credit repair and credit restructuring. Learn about financial systems before and after European contact. Long before the modern banking and financial system was developed, there was interaction and trade between Native communities across great distances. Learn how your ancestors participated in a complex economic system. Build on this knowledge and incorporate the tools and resources of our modern economy to benefit your family and your community. Learn all about the modern financial tool which we call "loans." Become familiar with various rates, terms, and fees. Learn how to restructure loans and how to avoid predatory lending.

June - Session 1
The Circle of Life – Traditional and Modern Economies

June: Learn about Native resource management strategies, including how the "circle of life"– the traditional concept that all of life has cyclical patterns–can help us all make better financial decisions. We'll discuss our local economy, how to plug a "leaking economy," and how to better circulate money in our communities. We'll be challenged to develop short and long term actions that we can take to strengthen our community's self-reliance and build our local and tribal economies.

July - Session 2
Developing a Spending Plan

July: Saving and budgeting were very important skills in traditional economies. The community masterfully put aside savings–food and other items–to ensure that needs were met year round. Learn how the "circle of life"–the traditional concept that all life has cyclical patterns–can help you make sound financial decision even in our present times. Track your spending! Learn the importance of tracking–your spending, your debt and your income. Learn, too, how to develop savings goals and a spending plan, and how to use spending plan worksheets (daily, weekly, monthly and annually). Learn dozens of tips on managing spending–such as freezing your ATM and credit cards in a container of water. This will give you time to think before making a purchase

August - Session 3
Managing Checking and Savings Accounts

August: This session helps families manage their financial resources more effectively. Participants will also learn how to protect against forgery. Remember: "Keep good records!" Traditionally, Native people demonstrated tremendous skill in managing resources to support their communities on an ongoing basis. Traditional life involved choices about when and how to use and save resources. Native people used what was needed at the present time, then preserved the rest for the future. The same idea of saving for the future inspires us to do likewise.

September - Session 4
Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report

September: For generations, Native communities migrated throughout the year to be near the natural resources that supported each community. Traditional migration patterns were followed while our people lived in what is called a "subsistence economy"–one in which people could provide for its own needs. History, however, forced Native communities to transition from providing for their own needs to having to purchase goods and services from others–a "market economy." Learn about the importance of credit, the advantages & disadvantages of using credit, as well as the types of credit. Also covered will be credit reports, correcting errors in credit reports, and tips for creating, maintaining and reestablishing your credit history. Remember: "think long term!"

October - Session 5
Accessing Credit 101

October: Learn how to use credit to build a strong Native community, one family at a time. We'll review the entire loan application process. Together we'll learn how loan applications are evaluated. You'll participate in an exercise on evaluating sample loan applications. You will play the role of a member of a credit committee and help evaluate sample loan applications. You'll also gain insights about credit interviews, credit scoring and credit denials. Get tips on credit repair and credit restructuring. Learn about financial systems before and after European contact. Long before the modern banking and financial system was developed, there was interaction and trade between Native communities across great distances. Learn how your ancestors participated in a complex economic system. Build on this knowledge and incorporate the tools and resources of our modern economy to benefit your family and your community. Learn all about the modern financial tool which we call "loans." Become familiar with various rates, terms, and fees. Learn how to restructure loans and how to avoid predatory lending.

November - Special topic
Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

November: Get tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts..

December Special topic
More Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

December: Get more tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend on gifts while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts.

Tribal Artists Thrive at Four Winds Gift Shop

Two artists who are in the Tirbal Artwork Program are each telling their story to invite other tribal members to give it a try. Angie Rice and Kelli Ottinger made a trial commitment to the gift shop, and supplied some of the art they had been doing as a hobby. Visitors to Four Winds took a strong liking to their art and it sold beyond their expectations.

Angie put her art into the gift shop about nine months ago. When aksed about her experience a few weeks ago, she said:



"I have been enjoying creating art for years, and now I am enjoying even greater fulfillment in being able to share what I love to create with others through the Tribal Art Program. I feel that, since being given the opportunity to work with the gift shop at the Four Winds, I have opened up some new avenues of creativity for myself. I am no longer making projects just for me. Now, I have to consider what other people, with other tastes, might find appealing. It has really made me think "outside the box." I have found many new and different things that I truly enjoy, things that I may have never even thought about if I hadn't been open to this new experience. I hope that other tribal members with a talent to share, decide to do just that. It is a wonderful feeling at the end of the day to know that something that I made, that was pleasing to me, is now part of someone else's life, making someone else happy."

Kelli has been involved with the gift shop for about a year. Her story is different than Angie's in some ways but similar in many ways. Kelli comments:

"My Mom and Dad encouraged me to bring in my art work. They always loved the pictures I painted but I just figured, you know, thats my family so, of course, they would like my paintings. But would people I don't even know enjoy the paintings? So I took the chance and brought a few in and to my amazement they did very well. Every time I sell one I am genuinely surprised and very happy. I enjoy painting and the thought of having those paintings on display in public is very exciting to me. The money I make from them is just an added bonus. I am grateful that the Tribe decided to display Tribal Artwork at the casino otherwise my family and I would have walls full of paintings."



Angie Rice and Kelli Ottinger are just two of many tribal artists whose work is on display and selling in the gift shop.

All Pokagon Band artists are welcome. If you or someone you know has talent, please encourage them to try the program at the casino. There is an art review for the Tribal Art Program on Saturday, April 11 from 10AM to noon. It's in the conference room off the casino lobby. If you want more information, call Amy Senninger at 269-932-5260 or send an email to her at amysenninger@gmail.com.

Reviews are held regularly and are announced in the Tribal Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jamie Goss of Indianapolis, Indiana the granddaughter of Joyce Green, is attending Western Illinois University on a Softball Scholarship was 2 for 2 during last weeks game in Louisville, Kentucky.
Way to go Jammer.

Happy Belated Birthday to:

Lauren Alsap (Feb. 18)
Todd Miller (Mar. 3)
Azhanay Page-Miller (Mar. 28)

From Tammy and the Family

Happy Birthday!!!
Aunt Stella Heffington 4/4
Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday
Robert Allan Hoekstra on April 25th

To an awesome son, brother, & uncle
We love you,
Mother, John, Michelle, Jay, Tamara,
Bradley, Kaitlyn, Cailin, Kayley, Kelcey, & Jaylee



Happy 28th Birthday
Kimmberly Grubb

Love all of your family



Happy 3rd Birthday to the cousins!
Addybug (Apr. 13) and Nozhowen Rader (Apr. 19)

From Tricia, Katy, John, Roger, Bereniz, Ydalee,
Anthony, and the rest of the families!
We love you both so much!

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to my wonderful grandma!!!!!
April 4
Love, Amanda and Brieann

Happy Birthday!!!
Courtney Shiflett 4/5
Devin Shiflett 4/13
Love, Aunt Kathy

Happy Birthday!!!
Haley Johnson 4/19
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday Estella Heffington

We love you,
Eva, Robert, John, Michelle, Tamara,
Bradley, Kaitlyn, Kayley, & Kelcey

Happy Birthday Eva Hoekstra on April 1st
To a wonderful mother & grandma

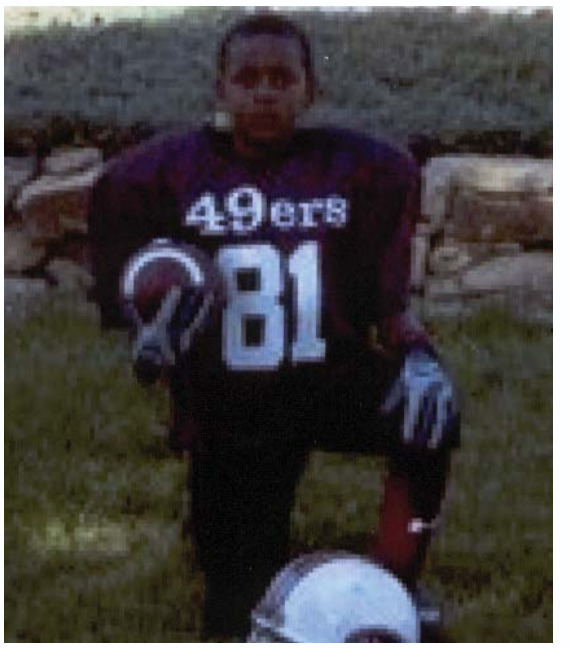
We love you,
Robert, John, Michelle, Jay, Tamara,
Bradley, Kaitlyn, Cailin, Kayley, Kelcey, & Jaylee

Happy Birthday!!!
Robert Hoekstra 4/25
Love, Kathy



Welcome to the world little
Kynnadi A. Britton
Born Feb. 12, 2009

From mother Kimm and father Reggie



Happy 12th Birthday
Isiah "Ice" Birks

From Mom, Dad, and the
other 3 horsemen.

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Toll free- (Coming Soon)

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
May 2009

GROUNDBREAKING
The New Tribal Administrative Complex

Although April 13, 2009 was a rainy and dreary day, spirits were high at the Rodgers Lake Complex in anticipation of the official Groundbreaking for the 19-thousand square foot Tribal Administration Building.

Participation was wonderful despite the weather. There were well over 100 participants in the event including Membership, Tribal Council, local government officials, and Staff.

We were honored by Elder Clarence White who performed a pipe ceremony; and Ribbontown was the drum.

Chairman John Miller is quoted as saying, "This building represents a new face for the tribe and is a very deep source of pride for all of our tribal citizens." Tribal Operations Officer Eric Trevan stated, "This is a new morning. We will keep the momentum going," Each member of the Tribal Council present took their turn in speaking of what this day meant to them and the years it has taken to get to this day.

Those in attendance were invited to participate in a luncheon held at the pavilion after the Groundbreaking events took place.

It was a great day for our Membership, Tribal Government, and Staff!

Each time you drive by the property remember to check on the progress of the building!








Let's learn Potawatomi at the POTAWATOMI ZOO

Join us for language games, a picnic, and a visit to the zoo of course!

Saturday, May 16th

Potawatomi Zoo, 500 S. Greenlawn, South Bend, Indiana

Picnic and games start @ Noon in the Corporate Picnic Area in the zoo.

A Department of Education staff member will be in front of the zoo from 11:30 pm-1 pm handing out zoo passes. The language program and picnic will take place from Noon-2 pm. Families are welcome to stay the rest of the afternoon to enjoy the zoo.

All youth **must** be accompanied at all times by a parent or a guardian. The Pokagon Band Department of Education will not be responsible for participants.

Questions? Please contact the Pokagon Department of Education @ (888)330-1234. The event will still take place in moderate rain. In the event of severe bad weather, please call (888)330-1234 on the program day for info.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

Human Resources and Compliance have moved

Human Resources and Compliance have moved to the Administrative Health Building located at 57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI.
This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information (Page 27).

This issue and past issues of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.
To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for membership submissions for the June newsletter will be **May 14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

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Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday –1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

Notice

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Elders are planning a trip in the near future. The destination location is yet to be determined, but we would like to extend an invitation to any elders wishing to participate.

If you are interested in participating, information can be obtained by calling Petey at 1-800-859-2717, or Audrey at 269-782-7913.

We will be taking calls between
May 15th, 2009, and May 22nd, 2009.
Pokagon Band Elders and spouses only.

May 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.				1 Stuffed Green Peppers or Cold Tuna and Pea Salad Mangos/Cottage Cheese Rolls
4 Buffalo Shish Kabob W/ Veggies & Potatoes Garden Salad/ Rolls Pumpkin Pies	5 Chicken Ala King W/ Noodles Mashed Potatoes Veggie Tray/ Coleslaw Fruit Salad/ Rolls	6 Ham W/ Scalloped Potatoes Peas W/ Pearl Onions Tomato Salad Pineapple/ Roll	7 Business Lunch Salmon Patties or Brats Macaroni and Cheese Collard Greens Strawberries/ Blueberries/ Rolls	8 Grilled Pork Steaks or Veggie Burger Potato Salad Baked Beans Yogurt W/ Fruit Cups/ Rolls
11 Spring Vegetable Soup Braunschweiger Sandwich Spinach Salad Blueberry Pie/ Roll	12 Polish Beef Sausage/ Rice Corn on the Cob Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Peaches/ Corn Bread	13 Barbeque Grilled Chicken Macaroni Salad Vegetable Kabobs Melon Wedges/ Roll	14 Buffalo Meatballs & Gravy W/ Parsley Noodles Green Beans Waldorf Salad/ Rolls	15 Pizza (Meat or Meatless) Garden Vegetable Salad W/ Avocado Jell-O Poke Cake
18 Pepper Steak Baked Potato Cooked Carrots Fruit Salad/ Rolls	19 Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, Casserole Veggie Tray Strawberry Angel food Cake Roll	20 Pork Loin Roast Garlic Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Tomato Salad/ Roll	21 Social Lunch Grilled Fish or Buffalo Burgers Pasta Salad Brussels Sprouts Pineapple/ Cottage Cheese/ Roll	22 Turkey, Ham, Salami slices or Salmon Salad on Croissant Broccoli Slaw Baked Potato Chips/Oatmeal Cookie
25 Closed Memorial Day	26 Turkey Spaghetti Spinach Salad Broccoli Peaches/ Garlic Bread	27 Cooks Choice Entrée Salad Hot Veggie Dessert	28 Grilled Pork Chops Baked Steak Fries Corn on the Cob Coleslaw/ Roll	29 Buffalo Stew or Fish Garden Salad W/ Red Peppers Yogurt W/ Fruit Cups Roll

Family Fun Walk/Run

WHEN: May 16, 2009, 10:00 AM - 12 NOON

WHERE: Rodgers Lake Tribal Grounds Picnic Pavilion

WHY: To promote wellness, diabetes prevention, and have fun with the Walk the Path: Lake Erie Kick Off

WHAT: 1/2 mile and 1 mile walk/run paths at the grounds, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Learn about the athletic shoes for Native Americans, and awards for completing the family walk/run.

If you would like more information about the Family Fun Walk/Run or how to sign up for the Walk the Path: Lake Erie virtual walk, call Susan Gundersen, at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141 x343.

The Nike Air Native N17 is here!



The Nike Air Native N7 is the result of nearly two years of collaborative research, development and fit testing in partnership with the Native American community. This first–of–its–kind performance shoe is built on a new and unique last created to address the specific fit and width requirements for the Native American foot. The result is a true Native fitting, performance product. The Nike Air Native N7 shoe marks another milestone in Nike's long-standing commitment to Native American communities. Profits from the sale of the Nike Air Native N7 will support "Let Me Play" programs on Native American lands that leverage sport to promote an active and healthy lifestyle. The Nike Air Native N7 shoe also embraces Nike's Considered design ethos, where details in the development and design of the shoe are geared to deliver sustainable innovation and reduce waste, without compromising product performance. The Considered design ethos also honors the traditional Native American Seventh Generation philosophy, an approach that respects the impact of decisions made today on seven generations. The shoe's design draws inspiration directly from Native American culture.

If you are interested in ordering shoes, please contact Steve Lowe at Indian Health Services Office. Bring in cash or a money order to IHS and we will place your order. We will call you when the shoes come in. This will be an on going program, shoe orders will be placed every Friday by 3:00 p.m. If you would like to have your feet measured or have any questions, please contact Steve (269) 782-4141 ext.241 or toll free 1-888-440-1234.

Available in:

Men's Nike Air Native | $42.80
Colorways: Black/Black or White/Metallic Silver-White
Sizes: 6-12, 13, 14

Women's Nike Air Native | $42.80
Colorways: White/Turquoise or Pink/White
Sizes: 5-11, 12

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES NON-COVERED SERVICES

Contract health is not an entitlement program or insurance. To access Contract Health Services, a tribal member MUST notify the Pokagon Band Health Department three days in advance of any non-emergency appointment, or within three days following an emergency encounter. Pharmacy refills also require a three day advance notice. The services below are NOT covered by Contract Health Services (CHS).

1. Long Term Care
   a. Nursing Home
   b. Foster Care

2. Home Health Care
   a. Skilled Nursing
   b. Home Health
   c. Respite Services
   d. Home Physical Therapy
3. Hospice
4. Prolonged Services
5. Elective Surgery
6. Surgical Sterilizations
   a. Vasectomy
   b. Tubal Ligation
7. Cosmetic Services
   a. Cosmetic Surgery
   b. Obesity Services
   c. Cosmetic Dental Procedures
8. Substance Abuse Services
   a. Outpatient
   b. Inpatient-Detoxification

9. Mental Health
   a. Outpatient
   b. Inpatient

10. Transplants (May be submitted for review)
11. Selected Durable Medical Equipment
12. Alternative Medicine
    a. Acupuncture (Offered by Tribe)
    b. Therapeutic Massage

13. Workers' Comp. Injuries
14. Disability Evaluations
15. Motor Vehicle Accidents,MVA (Liability Insurance)
16. Second Opinion (Unless Requested by CHS)
17. Dental Services
    a. Bleaching
    b. Orthopedontia (Braces)
    c. Implants

18. Alternately Funded Service
    a. Out-of-Network Services
    b. Health services available through alternative
19. Immunizations (Offered by Tribe)
20. Services to non-eligible persons
21. Artificial Insemination,Fertility including medication

22. Diet ,Cosmetic & Erectile dysfunction, Prescriptions, including:
    a. Xenical
    b. Meridia
    c. Adipex
    d. Phentermine
    e. Lustra
    f. Viagra
    g. Levitra
    h. Chantix

23. TMJ-Temple MandibularJoint
24. DNA Testing
25. Hyperbaric Treatment
26. Bariatric Surgery/Lap Banding
27. Chiropractic Care other than subluxation of spine

Enrollment for 2009-2010 School Year

The program is accepting pre-applications for the 2009-2010 School Year. Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009-2010 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. The pre-application must be returned by May 31, 2009 with proof of all household income (check stubs, W2's, tax return, per capita stubs, child support stubs etc.) to be considered for enrollment. The pre-application deadline is May 31, 2009. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment.

All applications received by the deadline will be considered for enrollment. The Head Start Program accepts all income-eligible children first. There are several other factors that determine priority for the Head Start Program (Household income, Native American vs. Non-Native, Disabilities, 4 year old vs. 3 year old, family status, returning students and any referrals from social services agencies).

Any pre-applications received after the deadline will be placed on the waiting list by priority until an open slot becomes available. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority, in the same way they are ranked for enrollment.

All applicants will be notified by mail the week after the deadline as to whether they have been selected for enrollment or selected for the waiting list. The applicants that are selected for enrollment will receive the full application packet with a list of medical requirements and documentation that must be submitted with the application packet by June 30, 2009. If the application packet, medical requirements and documentation are not returned by June 30, 2009, then the applicant will be placed on the waiting list and the next applicant will be offered the slot. The applicants that are selected for the waiting list will receive a letter stating the child has been placed on the waiting list.

Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated!

Items that we are always looking for:

*Play dough

*wet wipes

*One time use disposable cameras

*outdoor play toys

*sidewalk chalk

*bubbles

Pokagon Band Head Start

*School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.

*Transportation provided in limited areas in the Dowagiac & Hartford areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.

*We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

*The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated throughout each day.

*The program does accept children with disabilities.

Upcoming Events/Closures

*May 14, 2009—Last Day of School & Graduation Day.

*May 15-August 31, 2009—closed for summer Break

*September 1, 2009—First day of school for the 2009-2010 School Year

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Summer is a time for planning for the upcoming school year. This is also a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the next school year. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Happy Birthday to You!

May Birthdays:

*Alexis Jones—May 9, 2009—Happy 5th Birthday!

*Miss Christina Blue—May 15, 2009—Happy Birthday!

*Ross Green—May 17, 2009—Happy 4th Birthday!

May Students of the Month



Jack Murphy

Jack Murphy is the son of Matt Murphy and Brooke Maddox, and grandson of Ann and Patrick Murphy and Cindy Maddox. He has one sister; Maya, and two future step-siblings; Roman and Isabella, children of Norm Botelho. Jack attends first grade at Brown Elementary in St. Joseph, Michigan. He really enjoys school, and thinks he would like to become a fifth grade teacher or a librarian someday. Jack's favorite activities are playing "Heads Up, Seven Up", soccer, baseball, street hockey, and swimming. He loves building creative things with his Lego's, and his favorite food is pizza.
Jack has participated in several tribal activities that have helped him prepare for the first grade. In addition to receiving a backpack from the Department of Education and new glasses from Indian Health Services, he attended this year's Bolt Christmas Party. Jack says he is proud of his Native American heritage because he is a part of history. Keep up the good work, Jack!



Maya Murphy

Maya Murphy is 11 years old. She is a fifth grade student at Brown School in St. Joseph, Michigan. Maya's parents are Brooke Maddox and Matt Murphy and soon to be step-father, Norm Botelho. Other family members include her grandpa, Patrick Murphy; grandmas, Ann Murphy and Cindy Maddox, brother, Jack Murphy, and soon-to-be step brother and sister, Roman Botelho and Issabella Botelho. Maya attended last years Christmas party and enjoyed the movie. Maya's favorite food is peanut butter. She enjoys playing the board game Clue, playing her Nintendo DS, swimming and reading. She would like to be a kindergarten teacher or a dentist when she grows up. Maya is most proud to be a Native American because "I feel great to know that I have a big extended family in the tribe."



Cassondra Church

Cassondra Church is 16 years old and is in the 10th grade at Hopkins High School in Hopkins, Michigan. Her parents are Conrad & Kathy Church. Cassondra's grandparents are Carl & Nancy Perry and Leonard & Mary Church. Her younger brother's name is Collin. Cassondra has attended Cultural Camps at the Pokagon Summer Youth Camp and the Anishnabek Future Leaders Camp. She also makes fry bread and corn soup at her family's food stand during the Three Fires Powwow in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She participates in volleyball, soccer, and basketball. This year she made Varsity for soccer and basketball as a sophomore. Congratulations, Cassondra! She also is involved with Student Council and the P.A.L.S. Program. After she graduates from high school she plans on continuing her education at Michigan State University with hopes of becoming a veterinarian and owning her own clinic. Cassondra is, "proud to be a Native American for many reasons, some of which include the cultural traditions and the history of my people."

Language Corner

Time

Morning it is ~ Waben
Noon ~ Nawkwe
Afternoon ~ Gishnawkwe
Dusk (getting dark/toward evening) ~ Nenséyak
Dawn ~ Waséyabek
Midnight ~ Abtedbekok
Today ~ Ngom
Yesterday ~ Nago
Tomorrow ~ Wabek
Last night ~ Debkok

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. at the Dowagiac Education on April 14th and 28th.

South Bend office classes are on April 7th and 21st from 7-9 p.m. Catch a ride at Education. The van leaves at 5:30 p.m. and please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van. (269) 782-0887

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

Clay Pottery Making

First Class:
May 30th 2009
Teaching Cabin
Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Continuance of First Class
June 13th 2009
Teaching Cabin
Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Frank Barker will be teaching this class. There are two parts to this teaching with two separate days, one day to start and one day to finish. If you have any questions call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234

HEALING LODGE

May 30th 2009
Starting @ 8:30 a.m.
Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin
Dowagiac, Michigan

Jake Pine, Traditional Healer from Ontario Canada, will be the conductor. The healing lodge is located behind the teaching cabin at Rodgers Lake. If you attend you will need to bring a towel, long shorts, and a t-shirt. Women on their moon time (cycle) will not be able to participate. Please bring a dish to pass. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

CRAFT TEACHINGS

June 8th 2009
Department of Education Building
Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, MI
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

June 17th 2009
Mishawaka Office
Mishawaka, Indiana
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Traditional Healer

Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin
May 27th-29th 2009

Jake Pine will be here to heal our community on the dates above. Appointments are in 30-minute increments and are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to make an appointment please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, at the Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Remember to bring your Sema!

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ADULT SERVICE PROGRAMS

Adult Basic Education (ABE) – an adult basic training program.
Requirements:
1. Must be a Pokagon Band tribal member and provide proof by supplying a copy of Tribal I.D.
2. Must be 18 years or older and U.S. citizen
Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education) and Payment of GED Testing costs and fees. Must contact Pokagon Band Department of Education at least several weeks before testing dates.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) – an Employment training program.
Requirements:
1. Native American (federally recognized tribe) and provide proof by supplying copy of Tribal I.D.
2. 18 or older and U.S. citizen and provide copy of driver's license or state I.D.
3. Living in 10-county service area and provide proof of residency by providing a delivered piece of mail.
(Michigan: Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Van Buren; and Indiana: Elkhart, Kosciusko, La Porte, Marshall, St. Joseph and Starke)
4. Registered with Selective Service (if male between ages 18 to 26 and born after 1960) and provide proof.
5. Low Income or Underemployed or Unemployed and provide proof of all household income for the previous 6 months.
Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education), Intake (determine eligibility), Initial Assessment, and Orientation.

Training & Supportive Services: Program Training Activity and Supportive Services (if applicable) enrollment, Program Completion and 1-Year Follow-Up.
WIA COMMON MEASUREABLES:
Employment and Retention!

Sam English Book
An Exciting Addition to Pokagon Band Libraries

Through a generous grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Pokagon Band Department of Education Library at Rodgers Lake Property and the Pokagon Band Library housed within the Mishawaka, Indiana office, along with over 300 libraries nationwide serving American Indian students, have each received a copy of the new book, SAM ENGLISH, THE LIFE, WORK & TIMES OF AN ARTIST by Sam English and Ann Dallman.

Sam English is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. His work is well known by his use of elongated figures to depict his People as well as the night sky, stars and nature. Sam has been honored with numerous awards from art shows around the country, including the prestigious 2009 Lifetime Achievement award from the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts. He is also known for his donation of artwork for posters for non-profit agencies and commissions from various tribal and governmental agencies. The work of Sam English is also represented in private art collections around the world.

The book has over 90 full color, full page copies of prints, posters, and other works. There are also many other examples of his work along with his explanations of the works, and his philosophy of life and work. Biographical information and his association with Indian organizations are also included. . For more information, go to www.samenglishart.com.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930. The organization supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the southern African countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. For further information, please visit the Foundation's website at www.wkkf.org.

WANTED

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Work Experience participant, part-time. The participant must meet the WIA five main requirements and be pursuing a career in the Educational field. The Work Experience training program is up to 20 weeks training experience in a specific job related field. We have one part-time opening on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234.

Language Update

In March 2009, the Dowagiac K-5 and 6-12 Enrichment Labs welcomed John Winchester as language instructor for the remainder of the year's program. After homework has been completed, the children gather to learn new Potawatomi words and phrases from John and share what they already know. On Mondays, the K-5 students have been given colorful flashcards and donated Mead binders as teaching aids. Each flashcard has a picture and phonetic spelling to assist our young readers in learning the language. So far they have enjoyed learning terms related to food and family.

Every other Wednesday, John visits the 6-12 Grade Enrichment Lab to teach a more advanced language class to the older group. In the Department of Education Library, students can be found taking notes from the language board and listening to John speak Potawatomi at length. They have been learning fire and clan terms as well as phrases such as "Shkwede w nene nin se", or "Firekeeper I am," which celebrate the rich Potawatomi culture as Keepers of the Fire. While some of our students are new to the language, others have remembered words from Pokagon Head Start or Summer School. Regardless of their background knowledge, the children have been very dedicated in their language studies, and the K-12 staff agrees that the students catch on much faster than the adults!

Chi Migwetch to John for spending time with our students as they learn and grow. John also teaches elders language classes every Monday, 11am, at Elders' Hall. In addition, adult language classes, taught by Frank Barker, are held at Southwest Michigan College-Niles campus every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in room 208. The last class of the season will be held Thursday, April 23rd, 2009.

College Information Night

The department of education will be having on May 7 College Information Night. We have College recruiters from Community colleges and Four year Universities coming. Some one will also be here to answer questions on financial aid. This event is from 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm. at the Lodge. Bring your parents and plenty of questions for the recruiters.

For more information, please contact Joseph Avance, the Higher Education Specialist at 1-888-330-1234 or at joseph.avance@pokagon.com .

Reminder to GED school attendees

If you would like extra assistance:
There will be a GED Study Hall every Thursday at the Dowagiac Department of Education from 4-5pm. Must call the day before to reserve a spot and bring any paperwork or book you are currently working on.

The Department of Education is scheduled in Mishawaka every Wednesday, however, the Adult Services representative are scheduled every second Wednesday of the month. Must call the day before to reserve a spot and bring any paperwork or book you are currently working on.

Interested Applicants Needed

POKAGON BAND FAMILY WELFARE COMMISSION

In order to protect the best interests of our children, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council formed the Child Welfare Commission by ordinance and resolution, on November 6,2001.

The Commission was designed, not only, to protect the best interests of Pokagon Band children, but also to:

Promote the stability and security of Pokagon Band families;

Recommend to the judicial and administrative agencies involved, a course of action for the guidance and care of Pokagon Band children which most preserves the unity of the family;

Recommend actions that will best serve the cultural, spiritual, emotional, mental and physical welfare of the child;

Recommend a continuum of services for Pokagon Band children and their families with emphasis whenever possible on prevention, early intervention, and community based alternatives;

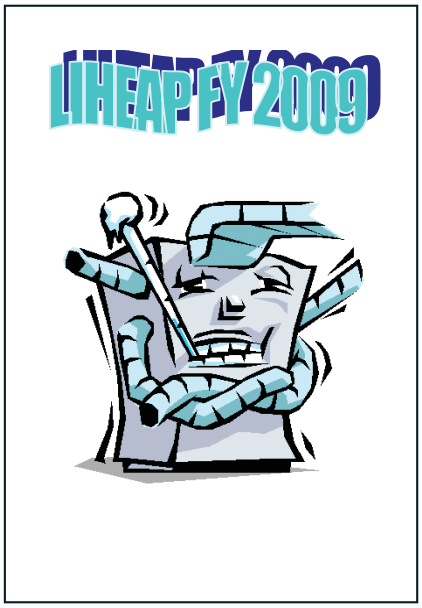
Recognize and acknowledge the cultural traditions of the Pokagon Band for child-rearing and family preservation.

Please remember the goal of the Commission is to maintain the family unity with a focus on Pokagon Band community values. The Pokagon Band Social Services Department would be happy to provide you with an application and any additional information that you feel would assist you in making a decision to become a Family Welfare Commissioner. Please call 269-782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 for assistance.

ATTENTION POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified

Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS?

The Social Services Department is accepting applications for LIHEAP. Remember this program is designed to provide a one time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. ***The program is designed to assist members living within our service area; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties in Indiana; and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan.***

- To apply call or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Phone number (269) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 or you may fax information to (269) 782-4295. Information may also be found on the Pokagon website.
- Proof of all household income is needed:
  1. 2007 or 2008 income tax return and/or
  2. Proof of last 30 days of income, including Per Capita and/or
  3. Award letters from (SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, VA, etc…) and/or
  4. Child Support Received or paid or
  5. Completion of Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.
- *Providers Bill*.
- Tribal identification is also needed.

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	28,310
2	37,021
3	45,732
4	54,443
5	63,154
6	71,865

** For family units of more than 6 members, add 3% to 132% for each additional member, and multiply the new percentage by $54,443.

Pokagon Band Supplemental Heating Program

The Pokagon Social Services Department announces for a third year the Pokagon Supplemental Heating Program. This program will provide a credit of $250 per eligible household to help with high energy costs, and is supported by a generous donation from Citizens Energy Corporation of Boston, MA. Since Citizens Energy is a private corporation and not an agency of the federal government, Social Services is able to offer the Supplemental Heating Program assistance to income-eligible Pokagon Band households anywhere in the United States. The Supplemental Heating Program is NOT limited to the 10-county service area.

Please note: The Supplemental Heating Program is separate from the LIHEAP Program. The Supplemental Program has higher income guidelines and can be provided to more households. Current LIHEAP recipients automatically qualify for the Supplemental Program, but are required to still submit documentation.

HOW TO APPLY:
You will need to contact Pokagon Band Social Services to get a Program Application. You can call the Department at: (269) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777. Fax # (269) 782-4295. Or visit in person at: 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Items you will need to fill out the application:

- Proof of all household income:
- 2008 income tax return and/or
- Proof of income for last 30 days and/or award letters (from SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, etc...) and/or
- child support received or paid or
- completed Zero Income Form (obtain from our office) if above do not apply
- Bill from your energy provider
- Tribal ID card

Act now—applications will not be accepted after May 27,2009!

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	$36,000
2	43,000
3	50,000
4	57,000
5	64,000
6 and above	71,000

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221

Personal Financial Skills Training Offered to Tribal Members

What: "Accessing Credit 101" – the last in a 5 class series in personal financial skills
Where: Pokagon Band Head Start Building, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac (located at the tribal complex)
When: 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Tuesday, March 17 or 9:30 – noon, Saturday, March 21 (same class, different date)
Who: All Pokagon Band tribal members and spouses/partners (regardless of county of residence)
Why: To strengthen the personal financial skills of Pokagon Band families, thereby empowering them to better meet their families' needs
How often: One two-hour class per month, starting with a light meal half an hour before class begins
What else: Child care provided for children 3 to 13 years old
What to do: Call or email right away: Val Janowski: 269 783-0443 or 877 983-0385; Valerie.Janowski@Pokagon.com

Classes are held on a monthly basis and have been scheduled for the entire year. Every month's class features a different topic. Participants are encouraged to attend on a monthly basis. Participants who attend the entire series of five classes will receive a $25 gift card upon completion of the fifth class. Should you miss a month's class, you may attend during the next series of class as the classes will be repeated on an ongoing basis. Mark your calendars with these important dates:

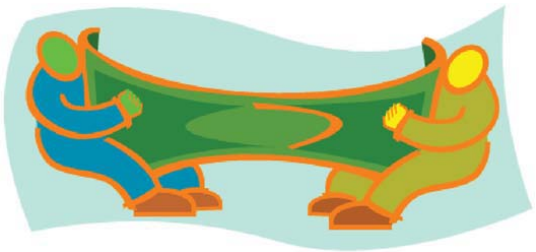
Month	Tues.	Sat.	Class Topic
May	12	16	Accessing Credit 101
June	16	20	"Circle of Life" – Native people Have Always Planned & Saved *
July	14	18	Developing a Spending Plan
August 11	15		Managing Checking & Savings Accounts
September	15	19	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
October	13	17	Accessing Credit 101
November	17	21	Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays
December	15	19	More Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

* "Circle of Life" is the start of a new series of classes

Tuesdays – dinner at 5:30, class from 6 – 8 pm. Saturdays: light meal at 9:30, class from 10 – noon

Classes will always be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, as well as the preceding Tuesday. Both days will feature the same topic. Alternate days and times are offered for members with different schedules. The location of the classes will also remain the same. The financial skills program is connected with the Pokagon Head Start program only in that the classes are held at Head Start. Members do not need to have a child enrolled in order to attend. Child care will be available at no charge by trained and certified providers. Attendance is limited to 20 participants. Register now to reserve your spot.

Workshop is Free!
Space is Limited
Call Now!
(269) 783-0443



Free Child Care
for ages 3-13
Join Us for Dinner or Brunch
Before the Workshop

Attend for your chance to win a $25 Visa Gift Card!

Trying to **Stretch** Your Money?
Finding More Month than Money?
Need Help in a TOUGH Economy?
We're Here to Help!

Join us on either May 12th OR May 16th for our next

Financial Empowerment Workshop
"Accessing Credit 101"

Tuesday May 12th
Pokagon Band Head Start
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday May 16th
Pokagon Band Head Start
9:30 am to 12:00 pm



Kim Cushway-Zepeta leading the way to financial empowerment.

Schedule of 2009 Financial Empowerment Classes

What people are saying about the Pokagon Band's monthly financial empowerment classes:

• "Knowing how my ancestors planned makes me feel like it is possible for me."
• "I will share the information that I've learned with my children and my grandchildren."
• "I will use the new skills I've acquired on a daily basis."
• "I am so happy that we have this program available to us!"
• "I like how the class connected with our cultural history."
• "This is something that I feel will benefit our members."
• "I really enjoyed how comfortable the speakers made me feel and the light, friendly atmosphere."

Pokagon Band recently started a personal financial skills program to help tribal members better meet the financial needs of their families. The Band has adopted a curriculum called "Building Native Communities - Financial Skills for Families." It was designed for Native communities and is being used by tribes across the country. The program consists of a series of five monthly classes. Each month's class features a different topic. All sessions begin with a cultural presentation that relates the contemporary lesson to traditional teachings. Classes include fun, hands-on activities that engage participants in light-hearted ways. Participants who attend all five classes will receive a $25 gift card! The series of classes will be repeated twice a year, so should you miss a class, you can attend when the next time that topic is offered. Although recommended, it is not necessary to attend all five classes in sequential order. Due to classroom space limitations, class size is limited to 20 participants. Participants may alternate from a Tuesday evening to a Saturday morning session if necessary. Tribal members are encouraged to enroll in a particular session of each monthly class by calling Lisa Johnson, Department of Housing: 269 783-0443 or toll free: 877 983-0385.

Session 5: Accessing Credit 101: Tues, May 12 - 5:30 – 8:00 pm or Sat., May 15 – 9:30am - Noon

Learn how to use credit to build a strong Native community, one family at a time. We'll review the entire loan application process. Together we'll learn how loan applications are evaluated. You'll participate in an exercise on evaluating sample loan applications. You will play the role of a member of a credit committee and help evaluate sample loan applications. You'll also gain insights about credit interviews, credit scoring and credit denials. Get tips on credit repair and credit restructuring. Learn about financial systems before and after European contact. Long before the modern banking and financial system was developed, there was interaction and trade between Native communities across great distances. Learn how your ancestors participated in a complex economic system. Build on this knowledge and incorporate the tools and resources of our modern economy to benefit your family and your community. Learn all about the modern financial tool which we call "loans." Become familiar with various rates, terms, and fees. Learn how to restructure loans and how to avoid predatory lending.

Session 1: The Circle of Life – Traditional and Modern Economies: Tues., June 16 – 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., June 20 – 9:30 am - Noon

Learn about Native resource management strategies, including how the "circle of life"— the traditional concept that all of life has cyclical patterns—can help us all make better financial decisions. We'll discuss our local economy, how to plug a "leaking economy," and how to better circulate money in your community. You'll be challenged to develop short and long term actions that you can take to strengthen our community's self-reliance and build our local and tribal economies.

Session 2: Developing a Spending Plan: Tues., July 14- 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., July 18 – 9:30 - Noon

Saving and budgeting were very important skills in traditional economies. The community masterfully put aside savings—food and other items—to ensure that needs were met year round. Learn how the "circle of life"--the traditional concept that all life has cyclical patterns--can help you make sound financial decision even in our present times. Track your spending! Learn the importance of tracking--your spending, your debt and your income. Learn, too, how to develop savings goals and a spending plan, and how to use spending plan worksheets (daily, weekly, monthly and annually). Learn dozens of tips on managing spending—you can freeze your ATM and credit cards in a container of water. This will give you time to think before making a purchase

Session 3: Managing Checking & Savings Accounts: Tues., Aug. 11 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Aug. 15 August 9:30 am - Noon

This session helps families manage their financial resources more effectively. Participants will also learn how to protect against forgery. Remember: "Keep good records!" Traditionally, Native people demonstrated tremendous skill in managing resources to support their communities on an ongoing basis. Traditional life involved choices about when and how to use and save resources. Native people used what was needed at the present time, then preserved the rest for the future. The same idea of saving for the future inspires us to do likewise.

Session 4: Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report Tues., Sept. 15, 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Sept September 19, 9:30 - Noon

For generations, Native communities migrated throughout the year to be near the natural resources that supported each community. Traditional migration patterns were followed while our people lived in what is called a "subsistence economy"—one in which people could provide for its own needs. History, however, forced Native communities to transition from providing for their own needs to having to purchase goods and services from others—a "market economy." Learn about the importance of credit, the advantages & disadvantages of using credit, as well as the types of credit. Also covered will be credit reports, correcting errors in credit reports, and tips for creating, maintaining and reestablishing your credit history. Remember: "think long term!"

Session 5 Accessing Credit 101: Tues., Oct. 13, 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Oct., 17, 9:30 am - Noon

Learn how to use credit to build a strong Native community, one family at a time. We'll review the entire loan application process. Together we'll learn how loan applications are evaluated. You'll participate in an exercise on evaluating sample loan applications. You will play the role of a member of a credit committee and help evaluate sample loan applications. You'll also gain insights about credit interviews, credit scoring and credit denials. Get tips on credit repair and credit restructuring. Learn about financial systems before and after European contact. Long before the modern banking and financial system was developed, there was interaction and trade between Native communities across great distances. Learn how your ancestors participated in a complex economic system. Build on this knowledge and incorporate the tools and resources of our modern economy to benefit your family and your community. Learn all about the modern financial tool which we call "loans." Become familiar with various rates, terms, and fees. Learn how to restructure loans and how to avoid predatory lending.

Special topic Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays: Tues., Nov. 17, 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Nov. 21, 9:30 am - Noon

Get dozens of tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend on gifts while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts..

Special topic More Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays: Tues., Dec. 15, 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Dec. 19 for December! 9:30 am - Noon

Get dozens of tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend on gifts while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to

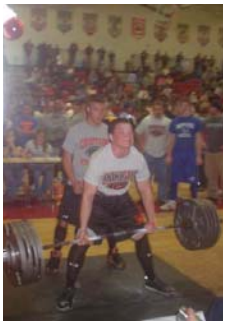
MIKAYLA PRATT
GABRIELLA PRATT and
ETHAN PRATT

for working so hard in school and achieving Straight A's again this period! Keep up the good work.

Love Dad, Mom, Christian and Denise Pratt

I'd like to wish my Husband Ron McKinney a Happy Anniversary. Have great day. I love you.

Your Wife
and Innkeeper Helen





Ricky Roach won the 194-pound state title in junior varsity competition.

Roach squatted 355-pounds, benched 265-pounds and had a deadlift of 425-pounds for a total of 1,045.

He competed against 15 other weightlifters.

Congrats Ricky. I'm very proud of you. State Champion in powerlifting! They know who's #1.

Love Mom.

Megan R. Sorters
April,11, 13 Yrs Old
Hot Springs,Arkansas
We Love You,Ever-Eve
Granny,& PaPa McWhorter



Happy Birthday to our "sweet" little angels.

Bereniz 5/5
Ydalee 5/31

Love your Mom and Dad



Wishing you a Happy Birthday, Chuck! Let's not be late for your 48th!

Love, Mom, Dad, and the rest of the Christopherson Family.

Happy Birthday To My
Wondeful Husband
George McWhorter
May,15th
We Love You
Sarah,& 4-Kids,and
10, GrandBabies And
Your Bro-in-Law Ken Rader

Happy Belated 6th Birthday Kennedy Kiggins, Wow you are a big girl now! We Love you!



Happy 1st Birthday
KAI MOTAY WILLIS
Love, Mom and Dad



Happy Belated 2nd Birthday
Isaiah Mix, you are so big

Love The Collett Clan



Happy Belated 9th Birthday
Derrek Collett

Love your whole family

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

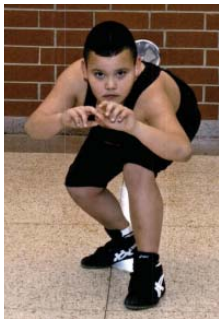
Happy Birthday!!!
Aunt Eva Hoekstra-5/1
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Van Johnson-5/1
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Michelle Piper-5/6
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Christina Gillan-5/16
Brian Gillan-5/19
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Kaitlyn Hoekstra-5/27
Kelcey Gillette-5/2
Love, Kathy & Mike



Derrek Collett

Awesome job this wrestling season. Congratulations and good job at regionals, keep up the good grades.

Love Mom, Dad, David, Rhonda, Dakota, Dwayne, Baby Devin, Sierra and the rest of the family.

We love you!



Madison, we all wish you a Hapy 3rd Birthday on May 1,2009!

We all love you!
From you whole family.



Shaun Mark Eli Cadoret

Class of 2009
Central High School
Spring Hill, Florida

Shaun is the son of Annette (Williams) Cadoret and Mike Cadoret.

Shaun will be attending Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina. He will be working towards a degree in Physical Education with a minor in Coaching. Shaun will also be fulfilling his dream by being a member of the Limestone Saints wrestling team.

We are all so very proud of all of your accomplishments.
You set a goal and work till you accomplish it.

We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Brittany, Joey, Brianna, Grandma Faye and Grandma Cadoret

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rush Lake Memorial Day Mass

May 25th, 2009 at 1:00 pm.

Pot luck to follow mass Mass is being celebrated by Father Garza, Deacon Arthur Morsaw. Please come and join us.

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Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
2871	Sarah	Elizabeth	Pillow
4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado

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Toll Free (800) 859-2717
FAX (269) 782-1696

Administrative / Information Technology
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(269) 782-8998 /
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FAX (269) 782-6882

Social Services
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FAX (269) 782-4295

Health Services / Behavioral Health
57392 M 51 South
(269) 782-4141 /
Toll Free (888) 440-1234
FAX (269) 782 - 8797

Resource Development/ Environmental
32142 Edwards Street
(269) 782-9602 Phone
(269) 783-0452 Fax

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(269) 782-0887 /
Toll Free (888) 330-1234
FAX (269) 782-0985

Finance Department
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998 /
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
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Enrollment
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-1763 /
Toll Free (888) 782-1001
FAX (269) 782-1964

Commodities
(269) 782-3372 /
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(269) 783-0026/
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310 W. Mc Kinley Ave. Suite 300
Mishawaka, IN. 46545
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Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 255-2974

Housing Department
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(269) 783-0443 /
Toll Free (877) 983-0385
FAX (269) 783-0452

Tribal Court
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505 /
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Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232 /
Toll Free (866-399-0161)
FAX (269) 782-7988

Election
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9475 /
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Human Resources / Compliance
57365 M-51 South
(269) 782-8163 - Human Resources
(269) 782-5198 - Compliance
Toll free- (Coming Soon)

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
June 2009

THE POKAGON FUND
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POKAGONFUND.ORG

The Pokagon Fund Announces April Grant Awards

New Buffalo, MI, The Board of Directors for The Pokagon Fund is pleased to announce the funding of 12 new projects in April totaling $ 481,128.

The Pokagon Fund began funding grant proposals in November 2007, and since that time has provided over $4.6 million in project funding. Grant funding supports initiatives in the fields of health, human services, art, education, recreation, and environment.

Ten percent of all funding from The Pokagon Fund supports the communities in and around Pokagon Band land consolidation sites. The remaining 90% of all funds support the municipalities and nonprofit organizations providing programs and services to the people in the New Buffalo region.

Grants Awarded Near Pokagon Band Land Consolidation Sites

Up to $10,000 to Cass County Council on Aging for the Handy Helpers Program

The Handy Helpers program provides support to seniors by performing minor home repair projects, installation of wheelchair ramps, and other home maintenance projects. Funding will support the cost of those projects for seniors in the Dowagiac area over the next two years.

$1,000 to Dowagiac Dogwood Fine Arts Festival

Funding will underwrite two of the festival's popular children's events: a national storyteller, Willy Claflin, focusing on folktales and ballads; and Toast N Jam, a program which introduces youth to hands-on orchestral instruments and arrangements. The festival is scheduled for the week of May 8 – 16.

$5,000 matching grant to Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce for the Dowagiac Fun Fest.

Corporate and individual contributions will be matched dollar for dollar up to $5,000 to support the expenses of the Dowagiac Fun Fest, scheduled for July 23 – 25. The Fun Fest features more than 120 hours of musical entertainment, children's entertainment, educational workshops, and sporting and family events.

$78,775 to Hartford Public Schools for their Community Education Summer School Program

Funding will provide a six week summer school program for 150 students, kindergarten through 8th grade that are at-risk of not meeting state standards in math, reading and writing.

$150,000 to His Place: Hartford Community Center for their Community Fitness Center Project

Funding will support the creation of a physical fitness program in the new full sized gymnasium, including the purchase of weights, sporting equipment and exercise equipment for the fitness center. The Center will be available to all age groups.

$9,734 to Hartford Public Library for the Youth Summer Programs

Free summer programs for the youth of Hartford will include hands-on art, music, and dance activities, reading and learning, as well as field trips to the Kalamazoo Institute of Art and the Museum of Science & Industry for the Harry Potter exhibit.

Grants Awarded in the Harbor Country Region

$58,332 to support the New Buffalo Area Schools' Summer School

Funds will support the core summer school classes as well as enrichment programs. Enrichment programming includes classes focusing on the environment, creative writing, nuclear physics, dance, theatre, beginning piano and guitar lessons.

$300 to underwrite the transportation to the Shriner's Circus

Funding will provide transportation to the Shrine Circus in 2010 for children in the townships of New Buffalo, Chikaming and Three Oaks.

$15,000 to Opera at the Acorn to support their 2009 season

Opera at the Acorn will be bringing six concerts to the area including: The Other Three Tenors, Puccini's Madame Butterfly, Franz Schubert and the Beatles, Isola Jones and Darrel Rowader, and Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Michelle De Young. Additionally, outreach programs will also be offered to raise awareness and interest in music and opera among students at the local schools.

$10,000 to Animal Lovers for the Spay/Neuter project.

Funding will allow Animal Lovers to provide low cost or subsidized spaying or neutering for dogs and cats in The Pokagon Fund service area.

$5,500 to New Buffalo Rocket Football for a new equipment shed.

As the New Buffalo Rocket Football league continues to grow each year, they have outgrown their storage space. Funding will provide for a larger storage shed to house the equipment that The Pokagon Fund purchased in 2008.

A loan of $137,487 to New Buffalo Township to provide police protection for April, May, and June

The Pokagon Fund has supported the township's police force since January 2008. The loan will be paid back with proceeds from the Local Revenue Sharing Board at such time as those funds are released.

The mission of The Pokagon Fund is to enhance the lives of the people in the New Buffalo region. Requests for funding can be submitted at any time, and the Board of Directors meets monthly to review grant applications. The Pokagon Fund is a private foundation supported by 2% of the electronic gaming revenue from the Four Winds Casino.

Ten percent of all funding from The Pokagon Fund supports the communities in and around Pokagon Band land trusts. The remaining 90% of all funds support the municipalities and nonprofit organizations providing programs in the Townships of New Buffalo, Chikaming, and Three Oaks, and cities and villages within those townships. Please refer to The Pokagon Fund web site, www.pokagonfund.org to learn more about the projects we fund and review the grant application guidelines.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

Human Resources and Compliance have moved

Human Resources and Compliance have moved to the Administrative Health Building located at 57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI. This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

The deadline for membership submissions for the July newsletter will be **June 14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday –1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

Attention Elders

Please Attend the Business Meeting at Elders Hall on June 4th 2009 at 11:00 AM there will be a Presentation on Social Security, Medicare Part B and D and any questions that you may have.

Our Area District Social Security Staff out of Benton Harbor will be here.

JUNE 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
1 Buffalo Stew Garden Salad Whole Wheat Rolls Fruit	2 Baked Chicken Baked Potato Spinach Whole Wheat Rolls Fruit	3 Lasagna Cauliflower & Broccoli Garden Salad Fruit Garlic Toast	4 Navy Beans Soup/ Ham Green Salad Corn Bread Fruit	5 Pot Roast Potatoes & Carrots Whole Wheat Rolls Applesauce/cinnamon Fruit Oatmeal Cookies
8 Chicago Style Buffalo Brats/ Bun Baked Beans Broccoli Salad Fruit	9 Swedish Meatballs Over Noodles Green Beans Whole Wheat Rolls Fruit	10 Pork Chops Baked Sweet Potatoes Asparagus Whole Wheat Rolls	11 Taco Day/Ground Turkey Lettuce , Tomato Refried Beans Cheese Fruit	12 Chicken Wings or Fish Corn on the Cob Brussels Sprouts Fruit Rolls
15 Salmon Patty Green Salad Macaroni Cheese Summer Squash Rolls	16 Salad Day Chicken Over Assorted greens Rolls	17 Potato Soup Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Garden Salad Fruit	18 Buffalo Tip Over Noodles Broccoli Rolls	19 Pizza Day Garden Salad Fruit Yogart
22 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Cook Carrots Rolls Green Salad 29 Lumberjack Vegetable Soup Cabbage Rolls Mixed Green Salad Rolls Fruit	23 BBQ Chicken Green Peas Rolls Pears Potato Salad Vegetable Tray 30 Potato Soup Fish Sandwich /Bun Green Peas Fruit Tropical Fruit Salad	24 Buffalo Meatloaf Baked Potato Mixed Vegetable Rolls Fruit	25 Tuna Noodle Casserole Salad Greens Rolls Fruit	26 Stuffed Peppers/Veggie Burger Scalloped Green Beans Rolls Fruit Cucumber Salad

The Nike Air Native N17 is here!



The Nike Air Native N7 is the result of nearly two years of collaborative research, development and fit testing in partnership with the Native American community.

This first–of–its–kind performance shoe is built on a new and unique last created to address the specific fit and width requirements for the Native American foot. The result is a true Native fitting, performance product. The Nike Air Native N7 shoe marks another milestone in Nike's long-standing commitment to Native American communities. Profits from the sale of the Nike Air Native N7 will support "Let Me Play" programs on Native American lands that leverage sport to promote an active and healthy lifestyle. The Nike Air Native N7 shoe also embraces Nike's Considered design ethos, where details in the development and design of the shoe are geared to deliver sustainable innovation and reduce waste, without compromising product performance. The Considered design ethos also honors the traditional Native American Seventh Generation philosophy, an approach that respects the impact of decisions made today on seven generations. The shoe's design draws inspiration directly from Native American culture.

If you are interested in ordering shoes, please contact Steve Lowe at Indian Health Services Office. Bring in cash or a money order to IHS and we will place your order. We will call you when the shoes come in. This will be an on going program, shoe orders will be placed every Friday by 3:00 p.m. If you would like to have your feet measured or have any questions, please contact Steve (269) 782-4141 ext.241 or toll free 1-888-440-1234.

Available in:

Men's Nike Air Native | $42.80
Colorways: Black/Black or White/Metallic Silver-White
Sizes: 6-12, 13, 14

Women's Nike Air Native | $42.80
Colorways: White/Turquoise or Pink/White
Sizes: 5-11, 12

Program Development

Community Health Nutrition Services needs your help with deciding if there is any interest in growing a community vegetable garden next to the Clinic Office on M-51 in Dowagiac.

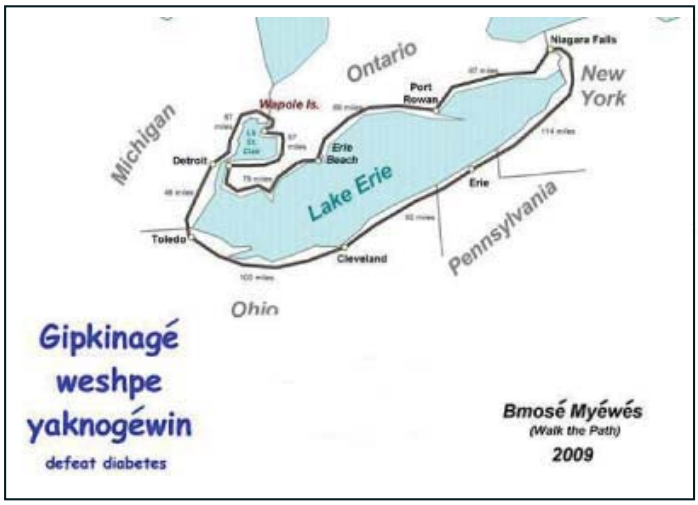
If you would like to participate, please talk with Susan Gundersen, in the Health Services Office at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141 x343.

Help Help!

The Pokagon Band is having a baby boom and experiencing numerous requests for breastfeeding equipment.

We are trying to take inventory of both the electric and foot pump Breastfeeding Pumps and need your help in locating our five electric and five manual pumps.

Please telephone Susan, at the Health Clinic if you know where one is out on loan. Thank you. 888-440-1234 or 782-4141



Walk the Path: Lake Erie May 16th through November 1st, 2009

It is time to gear up, get a new pair of walking shoes, and rise to the challenge of taking our fourth virtual/pretend walk around the next Great Lake—Erie. This 775 mile virtual trek will start at Walpole Island First Nation and head east to the Mighty Niagara Falls and back again to Walpole Island. Our goal is to emphasize a healthy lifestyle and promote exercise/activity to help stop or control diabetes. Can you do it? Join us May 16th at Rogers Lake to learn more about how to sign up and begin recording your miles to complete this "virtual" walk. You will also receive fun incentives at designated stops along the way. If you aren't able to make this date (May 16), call Susan at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141 to register and start the program at your earliest convenience.

Pokagon Band Head Start

2009-2010 Enrollment

The application deadline was May 31, 2009. All applications received by the deadline were considered for enrollment. The Head Start Program accepts all income-eligible children first. There are several other factors that determine priority for the Head Start Program (Household income, Native American vs. Non-Native, Disabilities, 4 year old vs. 3 year old, family status, returning students and any referrals from social services agencies).

Any pre-applications received after the deadline will be placed on the waiting list by priority until an open slot becomes available. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority, in the same way they are ranked for enrollment.

We are still accepting applications for the waiting list! Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009-2010 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment.

Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Information

*School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.
*Transportation provided in limited areas in the Dowagiac & Hartford areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.
*We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.
*The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated through each day.
*The program does accept children with disabilities.

Upcoming Events/Closures

*August 18-20, 2009—Parent Orientations
*September 3, 2009—Open House for enrolled children & families
*September 7, 2009—Closed for Labor Day
*September 8, 2009—First day of school for the 2009-2010 School Year

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Summer is a time for planning for the upcoming school year. This is also a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the next school year. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Happy Birthday to You!

June Birthdays:

*Brett Allen—June 8, 2009—Happy 5th Birthday!
*Sophia Behnke—June 8, 2009—Happy 5th Birthday!
*Jose Razo—June 16, 2009—Happy 4th Birthday!
*Allison Warner—June 10, 2009—Happy 5th Birthday!
*Miss Maggie—June 30, 2009—Happy Birthday!

T-SHIRT CONTEST

Want a really special T-Shirt from the
Pokagon Band Department of Education?
Well, then, put your imagination into the process –
enter the T-Shirt Design Contest!

Who: All students presently in Kindergarten through 12th Grade

What: Design a logo for the shirt given out by the Department of Education in August, 2009.
Use your favorite medium – pencils, paint, crayons, computers—whatever calls to your creativity! The shirts will be light grey.

How: Finished design to measure up to 8x10 inches. Must include the words "Pokagon Band Department of Education". Art work must be original and completely done by the student. No copyrighted material allowed. May be black and white or color Digital files accepted (300 dpi). Identify with name and current grade on back. Will be judged on relevance to Pokagon culture, creativity, neatness, and reproducibility. Please be mindful that these shirts will be worn by K-12 students, so design for all ages. The winning design will become the property of the Pokagon Band Department of Education

When: Entries may be: hand delivered by July 1, 2009, 5:00 pm. Emailed to penny.brant@pokagon.com by July 1, 5:00 pm postmarked by July 1, 2009.

Where: Pokagon Band Department of Education, 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac, MI 49047

The winning design becomes the property of the Pokagon Band Department of Education. Questions? Call the Department of Education, 269-782-0887, 888-330-1234

Let the creating begin!

New Scholarship Format starting for the Fall 2009 Semester

Starting with the Fall semester, the Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship will have the following payment process:

Eligible Students (based on unmet need) will receive the following assistance:

Students attaining an Associates degree	$100 per credit/hour
Students attaining a Bachelors degree	$200 per credit/hour
Students attaining a Graduate or a Post graduate degree	$300 per credit / hour

Also, starting with the Fall semester, eligible students will be able to receive the following assistance in a book stipend:

Students attaining an Associates or Bachelors degree	$50 per class
Students attaining a Graduate or a Post graduate degree	$100 per class

New Higher Education Assistance Now Available

The following financial assistance is now available for Pokagon Tribal members:
-Payment for Grad School Application Fees (up to $100)
-Payment for Graduate Testing Fees (Up to $250)
-Financial support for major related conferences, workshops, trainings, and internships (Up to $500)
-Financial support for high school seniors who are dually enrolled in high school and college (Up to $400 per semester)

For more information, please contact Joseph Avance, the Higher Education Specialist at 1-888-330-1234 or @ joseph.avance@pokagon.com
Please also check out the Department of Education section of the Pokagon Band website @www.pokagon.com

JUNE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Emily Potter

Emily Potter is a second grader at Patrick Hamilton Elementary in Dowagiac, MI. She is the daughter of Melissa and Patrick Potter, and has two siblings—Molly and Anthony. Emily plays soccer for the Muddogs and is also very creative. She is a talented artist, and would like to be an art teacher someday. Her favorite food is Shepherd's Pie.

Emily is extremely involved in tribal and cultural activities. She is a Potawatomi language "superstar", and looks forward to every Monday's language lesson at Enrichment Lab. Last year, she attended Pokagon Summer Camp, and can't wait for this summer's camp. She is proud to share Potawatomi customs and language with her friends, and enjoys going to pow-wows to see the dancers in their regalia. Keep up the good work, Emily!



Nathaniel "Nate" Al Pierce

Nathaniel "Nate" Al Pierce is nine years old. He is a third grader at Howard Elementary in Niles, Michigan. Nate is the son of Christine and Larry Pierce. His grandparents are Butch & Tina Starrett and his great-grandpa is Victor Starrett. Nate's brothers and sister are Larry (10th grade), Aaron (8th grade), and Amber (12th grade). Nate has been to summer school for two years and this summer will be his third year. He loves going to school at the tribe. He wishes they would have a school all the time, not just for the summer. His favorite food is chicken nuggets. Nate enjoys playing baseball (5 years), basketball (1 year), and this will be his first year for rocket football. His dad, Larry, coaches his teams. As you can tell, Nate loves sports. But out of all the sports, baseball is his favorite and football comes close. Nate would like to continue playing sports and become a pro baseball player and play for the Cincinnati Reds. When asked what makes him most proud to be Native American, he answered with, "I'm still learning a lot. I think the language is cool. And I can use a real bow and arrow."



Kayley Gillette

Kayley Gillette is the daughter of Steve and Tamara Gillette, granddaughter of Eve Hoekstra, and great granddaughter of Maryanne Shoemaker. She has one younger sister, Kelcey Renee. Kayley attends fourth grade at Davis Elementary in Decatur, MI. Her favorite food is pizza, and she plays numerous indoor and outdoor games in her free time. When she isn't playing softball, football, or soccer you can find her on her PSP, Game Box, or Playstation. She also enjoys drawing. Kayley is proud to be Native American, and feels grateful for everything the tribe provides for members. She thinks it is fun to watch the dancers and hear the drum at pow-wows, and enjoyed attending Pokagon Summer Camp last year. Someday, Kayley hopes to become a police officer or an assistant for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Keep up the good work, Kayley!



Dylan VanTubbergen

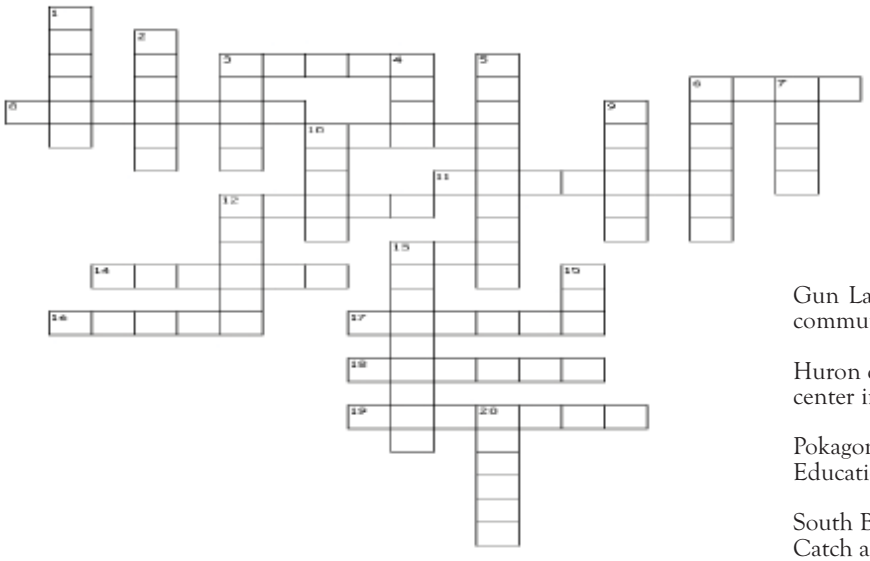
Dylan VanTubbergen is nine years old and a third grade student at Darden, in South Bend, Indana. Dylan's parents are Mike and Darlene VanTubbergen. His grandparents are Jim and Carol Warren. Dylan's brothers are Ron and Jimmy Bright. Dylan likes to go to pow-pows and is excited about going to camp this year. His favorite toys are action figures and video games. However, Dylan is a sports fanatic. He likes Pop Warner Football and playing soccer. Other activities Dylan enjoys include being outdoors, swimming, watching football, playing with friends, and reading. Dylan's favorite foods are cheeseburgers and french fries. Someday, Dylan would like to be involved in sports like football and boxing. When he is older he would like to join the military. Dylan is most proud to be Native American because "the culture is still being taught and practiced." He also likes "how we help each other."

Pokagon Student Chosen to Participate in Dwight D. Eisenhower World Leadership Forum

Amara Wesaw was chosen to take part in the People to People World Leadership Forum. Selection for the World Leadership Forum is based on the academic recommendation of valued and respected educators. Amara was nominated by an educator from New Buffalo Elementary School, who qualified her as an outstanding student with high academic standing and promising leadership potential.

People to People was founded by former U.S. President, Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. The forum is located in Washington D.C. and will take place in 2010. Congratulations Amara!

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Across
3. friend/brother
6. man
8. new born/small baby
10. my mom
11. girl
12. older sister
13. my father
14. my child
16. baby
17. younger sibling
18. my grandmother
19. teenage girl

Down
1. cousin
2. baby/child
3. my dad
4. my mother
5. teenage boy
6. older woman
7. older brother
9. boy
10. my son
12. my daughter
13. my grandfather
15. woman
20. older man

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. at the Dowagiac Education Building on May 11th and 25th.

South Bend office classes are on May 4th and 18th from 7-9 p.m. Catch a ride at Education. The van leaves at 5:30 p.m. and please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

Spiritual Healer

June 24th-26th
Rogers Lake Tribal Court

Jake Pine from Ontario, Canada will be here on the days above. Appointments are in half hour increments from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with the hour of 12-1 not being available due to lunch. Due to our youth camp, we are changing locations for this month. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Band Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SEMA (tobacco)

Medicine Walk

June 27th 2009
Rogers Lake
Dowagiac, Michigan
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will meet at Rogers Lake Tribal Court. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty and bring garden shears if you have some. If you have any questions call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234

CRAFT TEACHINGS

June 8th 2009
Department of Education
Rogers Lake, Dowagiac-MI.
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

June 17th 2009
Mishawaka Office
Mishawaka, Indiana
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Department of Education Awards Banquet

honoring our
2008-2009 High School Graduates and
GED Recipients

Friday, July 10, 2009, 6:45 – 9:30 pm
Dinner at 7:00 ~ Awards at 8:00

Southwestern Michigan College
Mathews Conference Center East
Fred L. Mathews Library and Conference Center
58900 Cherry Grove Road
Dowagiac, MI

Graduate Registration for the program is July 1, 2009. Please contact the Department of Education at 888-330-1234 for information about the Registration Form.

Dedicating this evening to our Graduates allows us to celebrate with our younger students at another event on August 2nd, focusing on their year! Save that date! More info to follow.

RSVP by July 1, to the Department of Education
888-330-1234

Back To School Day

August 2, 2009
Including Awards Ceremony for
Student Involvement During 2008-2009
And Summer Programs

Come join us for a creative, informative, and energizing Family Day at Rodgers Lake! Be a part of Celebrating Our Students with Awards and recognizing them for their fine work in the 2008-2009 School Year as well as their participation in the Pokagon Summer Programs!

Enjoy the Family Potluck in honor of our students and families! Participate in Workshops focusing on helping your students get the most out of school! Create "Make and Take" crafts!

Register for the 2009/2010 JOM Program!

Sunday, August 2, 2009
11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Tribal Council Pavilion
Rodgers Lake Property
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI

We are looking forward to sharing this day with you!

This Father's Day, you may be able to help dad save some money

Fathers are often known for their good advice, whether it's how to catch a ball, ace a job interview, grill the perfect burger or get the best deal on a new car.

But if your father is struggling with the high cost of prescription drugs, maybe it's time for you to give him a few words of advice. This Father's Day, you may be able to help your dad save an average of $3,900 a year on his prescription drug costs. Here's how.

If your father, or any father figure you know, is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, he may qualify for extra help — available through Social Security — to pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of $3,900 per year.

To qualify for the extra help, he must have:

• Income limited to $16,245 for an individual or $21, 855 for a married couple living together. Even if his annual income is higher, he still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments.

• Resources limited to $12,510 for an individual or $25,010 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count his house or car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that you can help complete for your dad. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

Christy Feltner is the district manager of the Social Security office in Benton Harbor. You can write to her c/o Social Security Administration, 455 Bond St., Benton Harbor MI 49022. You can also call the national office at (800) 772-1213 from 7am to 7pm weekdays. If hearing impaired, call (800) 325-0778.

ATTENTION POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified

Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221

Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

ID	FirstName	MiddleName	LastName
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado

PER CAPITA TID BITS

Minors Trust Presentation Packets

On May 7, 2009 packets were mailed out to all households with minors. This packet is a DVD presentation of Tom Baxter from US Bank from February 21, 2009. If you have not received a packet, please call Julie Farver at 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777 x 241.

If you have moved...

Please update your address with the Enrollment Office. Many per capita checks get returned every month due to addresses not being updated.

Direct Deposit

Direct Deposit is the way to go!! Your money is available on the last day of the month, no waiting for the mail to be delivered. Please call to have a form mailed to you.

Tax Withholding Forms

Per Capita payments are considered income and are subject to federal and state taxes. If you are not having taxes withheld, please call to have a form mailed to you.

TRIBAL POLICE

From the Desk of the Captain Rachel Sadowski

To all Pokagon Band Members and employees. I would like to announce that Officer Jaime Sumners has been appointed as Community Resource Officer for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Police Department. Officer Sumners has been employed by the Pokagon Tribal Police Department since December of 2005. Since then, Officer Sumners has been assigned as a Patrol Officer, Training Officer, and has been involved in various other duties.

As a Community Resource Officer, Officer Sumners will take on the duties of setting up different programs which would include educating our Pokagon Band Members and surrounding communities on various items such as Neighborhood Watch Programs, Juvenile Mentoring, Setting Up Safe Homes, and other related programs. Officer Sumners will still be involved in the day to day area patrol.

The Community Resource Officer position is not a new idea or new way of thinking for the Pokagon Tribal Police Department. Since the inception of the Pokagon Tribal Police Department in 2003, we have always strived to make the Pokagon Band and their properties our number one priority, however naming Officer Sumners as the Community Resource Officer is just one more step towards growing in a positive way for the Pokagon Band and the Pokagon Tribal Police Department.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Pokagon Band Tribal Police Department at 269-782-2232

Captain Rachel Sadowski
Director of Law Enforcement
58155 M-51 South
Dowagiac, MI 49047



Personal Financial Skills Training Offered to Tribal Members

What: "Circle of Life – Building a Healthy Economy" – the first in a 6 class series in personal financial skills
Where: Pokagon Band Head Start Building, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac (located at the tribal complex)
When: 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Tuesday, June 16 or 9:30 – noon, Saturday, June 20 (same class, different date)
Who: All Pokagon Band tribal members and spouses/partners (regardless of county of residence)
Why: To strengthen the personal financial skills of Pokagon Band families, thereby empowering them to better meet their families' needs
How often: A two hour and a half hour class per month, starting with a light meal half
What else: Child care provided for children 3 to 13 years old. Children must be potty trained!
What to do: Call or email right away: Val Janowski: 269 783-0443 or 877 983-0385; Valerie.Janowski@Pokagon.com

Classes are held on a monthly basis and have been scheduled for the entire year. Every month's class features a different topic. Participants are encouraged to attend on a monthly basis. Participants who attend the entire series will receive a $25 gift card upon completion of all six classes. Should you miss a month's class, you may attend during the next series of classes as the classes will be repeated on an ongoing basis. Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Month	Tues.	Sat.	Class Topic
June	16	20	Building a Healthy Economy – The Circle of Life
July	14	18	Developing a Spending Plan
August	11	15	Managing Checking & Savings Accounts
September	15	19	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
October	13	17	Accessing Credit, Part 1
November	17	21	Accessing Credit, Part 2
December	15	19	Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

* "Circle of Life" is the start of a new series of classes
Tuesdays – dinner at 5:30, class from 6 – 8 pm. Saturdays: light meal at 9:30, class from 10 – noon
Classes will always be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, as well as the preceding Tuesday. Both days will feature the same topic. Alternate days and times are offered for members with different schedules. The location of the classes will also remain the same. The financial skills program is connected with the Pokagon Head Start program only in that the classes are held at Head Start. Members do not need to have a child enrolled in order to attend. Child care will be available at no charge bytrained and certified providers. Attendance is limited to 20 participants. Register now to reserve your spot.

Workshop is Free!
Space is Limited
Call Now!
(269) 783-0443



Free Child Care for ages 3-13
Join Us for Dinner or Brunch Before the Workshop

Attend for your chance to win a $25 Visa Gift Card!



Winner of the 25$ Visa Gift Card: Jessica Colter

Trying to **Stretch** Your Money?
Finding More Month than Money?
Need Help in a TOUGH Economy?
We're Here to Help!

Join us on either May 12th OR May 16th for our next

Financial Empowerment Workshop

"Accessing Credit 101"

Tuesday May 12th
Pokagon Band Head Start
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday May 16th
Pokagon Band Head Start
9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Schedule of 2009 Financial Empowerment Classes

What people are saying about the Pokagon Band's monthly financial empowerment classes:

• "Knowing how my ancestors planned makes me feel like it is possible for me."
• "I will share the information that I've learned with my children and my grandchildren."
• "I will use the new skills I've acquired on a daily basis."
• "I am so happy that we have this program available to us!"
• "I like how the class connected with our cultural history."
• "This is something that I feel will benefit our members."
• "I really enjoyed how comfortable the speakers made me feel and the light, friendly atmosphere."

Pokagon Band recently started a personal financial skills program to help tribal members better meet the financial needs of their families. The Band has adopted a curriculum called "Building Native Communities - Financial Skills for Families." It was designed for Native communities and is being used by tribes across the country. The program consists of a series of five monthly classes. Each month's class features a different topic. All sessions begin with a cultural presentation that relates the contemporary lesson to traditional teachings. Classes include fun, hands-on activities that engage participants in light-hearted ways. Participants who attend all five classes will receive a $25 gift card! The series of classes will be repeated twice a year, so should you miss a class, you can attend when the next time that topic is offered. Although recommended, it is not necessary to attend all five classes in sequential order. Due to classroom space limitations, class size is limited to 20 participants. Participants may alternate from a Tuesday evening to a Saturday morning session if necessary. Tribal members are encouraged to enroll in a particular session of each monthly class by calling Lisa Johnson, Department of Housing: 269 783-0443 or toll free: 877 983-0385.

Session 5: Accessing Credit 101: Tues, May 12 - 5:30 – 8:00 pm or Sat., May 15 – 9:30am - Noon

Learn how to use credit to build a strong Native community, one family at a time. We'll review the entire loan application process. Together we'll learn how loan applications are evaluated. You'll participate in an exercise on evaluating sample loan applications. You will play the role of a member of a credit committee and help evaluate sample loan applications. You'll also gain insights about credit interviews, credit scoring and credit denials. Get tips on credit repair and credit restructuring. Learn about financial systems before and after European contact. Long before the modern banking and financial system was developed, there was interaction and trade between Native communities across great distances. Learn how your ancestors participated in a complex economic system. Build on this knowledge and incorporate the tools and resources of our modern economy to benefit your family and your community. Learn all about the modern financial tool which we call "loans." Become familiar with various rates, terms, and fees. Learn how to restructure loans and how to avoid predatory lending.

Session 1: The Circle of Life – Traditional and Modern Economies: Tues., June 16 – 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., June 20 – 9:30 am - Noon

Learn about Native resource management strategies, including how the "circle of life"— the traditional concept that all of life has cyclical patterns—can help us all make better financial decisions. We'll discuss our local economy, how to plug a "leaking economy," and how to better circulate money in your community. You'll be challenged to develop short and long term actions that you can take to strengthen our community's self-reliance and build our local and tribal economies.

Session 2: Developing a Spending Plan: Tues., July 14- 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., July 18 – 9:30 - Noon

Saving and budgeting were very important skills in traditional economies. The community masterfully put aside savings—food and other items—to ensure that needs were met year round. Learn how the "circle of life"--the traditional concept that all life has cyclical patterns--can help you make sound financial decision even in our present times. Track your spending! Learn the importance of tracking--your spending, your debt and your income. Learn, too, how to develop savings goals and a spending plan, and how to use spending plan worksheets (daily, weekly, monthly and annually). Learn dozens of tips on managing spending—you can freeze your ATM and credit cards in a container of water. This will give you time to think before making a purchase

Session 3: Managing Checking & Savings Accounts: Tues., Aug. 11 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Aug. 15 August 9:30 am - Noon

This session helps families manage their financial resources more effectively. Participants will also learn how to protect against forgery. Remember: "Keep good records!" Traditionally, Native people demonstrated tremendous skill in managing resources to support their communities on an ongoing basis. Traditional life involved choices about when and how to use and save resources. Native people used what was needed at the present time, then preserved the rest for the future. The same idea of saving for the future inspires us to do likewise.

Session 4: Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report Tues., Sept. 15, 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Sept September 19, 9:30 - Noon

For generations, Native communities migrated throughout the year to be near the natural resources that supported each community. Traditional migration patterns were followed while our people lived in what is called a "subsistence economy"—one in which people could provide for its own needs. History, however, forced Native communities to transition from providing for their own needs to having to purchase goods and services from others—a "market economy." Learn about the importance of credit, the advantages & disadvantages of using credit, as well as the types of credit. Also covered will be credit reports, correcting errors in credit reports, and tips for creating, maintaining and reestablishing your credit history. Remember: "think long term!"

Session 5 Accessing Credit 101: Tues., Oct. 13, 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Oct., 17, 9:30 am - Noon

Learn how to use credit to build a strong Native community, one family at a time. We'll review the entire loan application process. Together we'll learn how loan applications are evaluated. You'll participate in an exercise on evaluating sample loan applications. You will play the role of a member of a credit committee and help evaluate sample loan applications. You'll also gain insights about credit interviews, credit scoring and credit denials. Get tips on credit repair and credit restructuring. Learn about financial systems before and after European contact. Long before the modern banking and financial system was developed, there was interaction and trade between Native communities across great distances. Learn how your ancestors participated in a complex economic system. Build on this knowledge and incorporate the tools and resources of our modern economy to benefit your family and your community. Learn all about the modern financial tool which we call "loans." Become familiar with various rates, terms, and fees. Learn how to restructure loans and how to avoid predatory lending.

Special topic Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays: Tues., Nov. 17, 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Nov. 21, 9:30 am - Noon

Get dozens of tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend on gifts while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts..

Special topic More Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays: Tues., Dec. 15, 5:30 – 8 pm or Sat., Dec. 19 for December! 9:30 am - Noon

Get dozens of tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend on gifts while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

I would like to give my special appreciation to my family and friends. On April 28, 2009 I graduated from Western Michigan University with a Master's Degree in Human Resources Development. After the Commencement Ceremony my Uncle Art & Aunt Cathy Morsaw and their family (Joseph, Matthew, Angela, Jessica, Ann) and their respective spouses and children, and Raymond Bush attended a Graduation Party at The Big T in Lawton. I was very honored to be in their audience that day to have some laughs and good eats and best wishes and to those that weren't able to attend. Thank You all very much and from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Donald Sumners



CONGRATULATIONS, JAMIE GOSS
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR 2009 (softball)
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT WIU AND KEEPING YOUR GPA AVERAGE UP AND BEYOND!!!!
GRANDMA IS LOOKING DOWN AND SMILING!

WITH ALL OUR LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AMY, SHANO, GAIGE
AUNT RUSTY, PATTY AND SHERRY
UNCLE ROCKY, JOE AND KEVIN
AND COUSINS

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Tamara Gillette! Married April 22nd, 2009

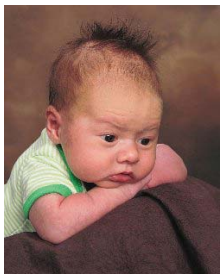
Happy Belated Birthdays: Eva Hoekstra (Apr. 1), Kenny Jackson and Stella Heffington (Apr. 22), Shannon Myers (Apr. 22), Robert Hoekstra (Apr. 25), Kelcey Gillette (May 2), Michelle Piper (May 6), Jackson Little (May 15), The late Alfred Paul Falk (May 19)

Happy June Birthdays: The late Ann Shoemaker (June 1), Margaret O'keefe (June 9), Leona Falk (June 19), Brett Parker (June 19)

We love you, Kim, Kerby, Brittainy, Corey, Jasmine, and Josiah

Happy Belated Birthday!!!
Jordan Shiflett-5/17
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
James & Nicole Ivy on the
birth of your 1st child
James Otto Ivy Jr. born
May 6th 2009.
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike



Welcome to Turtle Island Devin Weston Helmke!
3-21-2009
8.5 lbs 19.5 Inches
Love,
Your HUGE loving family!



Senequa,

I never thought 2009 would get here. It seemed like a lifetime away but look here we are 18yrs. later and you walked across that stage! That was one of my most proudest moments of you and as a mother to know that all that we have been through you always remained focused. Especially after having De'Andre Jr. you stayed focused and kept your eye on May 2009, and you achieved it making the honor roll this year and on time. Not that is quite an accomplishment!

Just remember that no matter the path or the road blocks God puts in front of you, it's only temporary and you are the only one that can take those roadblocks down and in the end will only make you a stronger person. Always dream big, believe in yourself, have faith, know how to forgive, smile even when life is hard, think positive, have an open mind, make lasting memories, live life to the fullest and most importantly, love yourself and your children.

And I promise you, you will live a long and fulfilled life! I love you for the daughter and mother that you are. You have made me the proudest Mom and MaMa. Congratulations on all of your hard work. And we love you very much.

Love Mom, Derick, Curtis and De'Andre Jr. (That grandma guy!!)

Happy Birthday!!!
Angel Bowling-6/4
Brett Parker-6/19
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Bradley Piper-6/21
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday MOM!!!
Margaret O' Keefe- 6/9
Love, Kathy & Mike



Happy 4th Birthday Kiarra Kelley

From Great Grandmother Cynthia
and Great Grandfather James.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tegan Nesta Marsh

Announcing my first born grandchild. Please pray for her to have a life of purpose and love. Her proud parents are Derek and Tracy Marsh. Her grand parents are John and Priscilla Williams. Her great grandparents are Michael and Cecilia Williams. Megwetch to our creator.

-Trish Williams





Happy Birthday, to my wife, Monica D. Grubb

From your husband Henry

And your family.



Happy Birthday to Derrick (8) and Jacquson (7) Grubb

From Big Daddy and Mommica



Derek Carpenter (Scooter) Class of 2009

Derek will be attending Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac, MI. His greatest ambition in life is to be a teacher and wants to be a role model for kids as his teachers were to him.

Derek's love of science and history is outstanding! He will be working towards his BA Degree in Education with science as his minor.

Scooter, we are very proud of you for all that you have accomplished so far. You're the first in our family to go to college and have a successful career ahead of you, and the first grandchild to graduate high school. Congratulations, we love you, Scooter! You've mad us proud, always remember to be proud of yourself, too!

Love, always and forever.
Mom, Dad, and Cody

Happy Anniversary to Lisa and Ricardo on June 23

Happy Belated Birthday to: Tina Lopez (May 13), Danny Lopez (May 26), Cecil Wilson Jr. (June 3), Chad Swisher (June 5), Opal Wilson (June 5), Linda Lenox (June 9), Thomas Bayro (June 21), Brandon Roberts (June 21), Anthony Swisher (June 25), Stephanie Lenox (June 26), Ryan Rhodes (June 18)

From Dorothy Burgh



Congratulations to Elizabeth Glowacki. She graduated Friday May 1st from Grand Rapids Community College with an associate's degree in child development. Liz is the daughter of Betty McBride and granddaughter of the late Leonard and Mary Church.



Happy Mother's Day Konnstance Birks

From your family

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

Journey for Forgiveness:

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

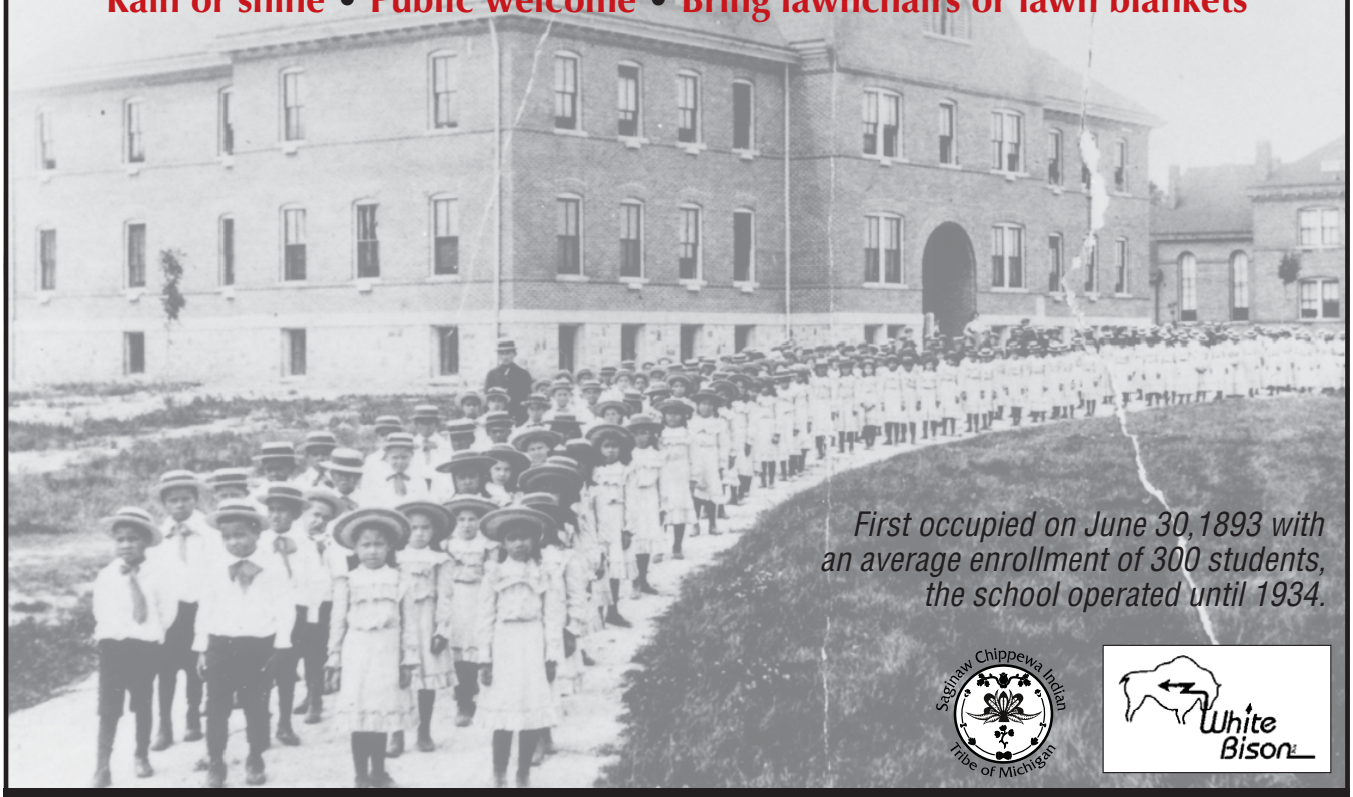
In conjunction with White Bison's 2009 Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness

Wednesday, June 17 • 7am - 3pm

7070 E. Broadway - Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Sunrise Ceremony at Tribal Operations followed by a
Three Fires Confederacy Forgiveness Walk to the Boarding School
and a day of guest speakers, panel discussions,
a film screening, prayer vigil, and healing ceremony

100 Drum Honor Song - Bring your drums
Rain or shine • Public welcome • Bring lawnchairs or lawn blankets



First occupied on June 30,1893 with an average enrollment of 300 students, the school operated until 1934.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

White Bison

For more information contact: Hunter Genia at (989)775-4869 or Shannon Martin at (989)775-4750

2009 POTAWATOMI GATHERING

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Please check the website regularly for updated information, schedules, registration, activities, and more!



"Who We are"

Nïshnabek Taomën

A celebration of fellowship and learning that brings the nine bands of Potawatomi people together as one. The Gathering is in its 16th year. Please join us at Prairie People's Park located on M Road between 150th and 158th on the Reservation (approximately 20 miles north of Topeka).

August 6-8, 2009

PBPN Prairie Peoples Park

15400 M Road • Mayetta, KS 66509

Host Hotel Information

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605 Fairlawn, Topeka, KS 66606

Best Western Inn & Suites
785.228.2223
700 Fairlawn, Topeka, KS 66606

Sleep Inn & Suites - 785.228.2500
1024 SW Wanamaker Rd., Topeka, KS 66604

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Super 8 - 785.364-1988
300 S Arizona, Holton, KS 66436

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115 S Hwy 75, Holton, KS 66436

(Ask for Potawatomi Gathering Block)

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Notice to All Artists Who Are Pokagon Band Members

Thank You! to all the artists who contributed their work to the Four Winds Casino Gift Shop Consignment Program. The Pokagon Tribal Artwork section is beautiful and is continuing to experience good sales.

The gift shop at Four Winds Casino Resort has been open awhile and will need more art in the months to come. You are invited to bring new artwork every other month at an informal meeting.
The next review will be held on Saturday June 20.thThe review will take place between 10:00am to Noon at the Four Winds Casino Hotel.
This will be in a conference room - just inquire at the front desk. Amy Senninger, who is the Liaison for the Tribal Artists, and the Gift Shop Management Team will be there to meet artists and review their artwork. We will be available as resources on that day to discuss what is selling and why. The most popular price range is in the range of $15.00 to $60.00. We are starting to sell more expensive items on occasion. We will offer our thoughts on creating a balanced collection with items in all price ranges, including a few high-end ones.

Jewelry and crafts that have "casino" themes, such as dice, cards etc. seem to be experiencing popularity, but buying habits are as many and varied as the people buying. The main thing is to focus on what truly brings you pleasure to make. You do not have to be a professional artist or have lots of things to sell to be eligible. We can work with artists who live out of state.
We are always looking for new and unique items to showcase.
In addition, Amy will offer on-the-spot tips on how to present artwork in the most saleable way for the lowest cost, with regards to matting and framing.

Bring what you have and get ideas on how to sell it!

Amy Senninger
amysenninger@gmail.com
269-932-5260

YOU MUST BE A POKAGON BAND MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLACING YOUR WORK IN THE GIFT SHOP AT FOUR WINDS CASINO RESORT.

24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow

The 24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow is just around the corner. The Pow Wow Committee is seeking volunteers to assist with making the event a safe, well organized, and enjoyable event for all visitors. We are looking for vendor assistants, parking attendants, golf cart drivers, security, and t-shirt sales persons. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Julie Farver at 269-240-8045. Please be aware that there is a mandatory volunteer training session the evening of Friday, September 4th at Rodgers Lake. Dinner will be provided. This is great opportunity to support the Pokagon community and to get involved...call Julie today!!

Caterer Still Needed!!!

The Pow Wow committee is still in need of a caterer. The feast will be held Saturday September 5th at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion for an expected 500 Pow Wow participants.

If you are interested, please email Micky at Michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com or call Julie Farver at 269-240-8045. Please contact us by June 9, 2009. We will be making the final determination the following day.

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Human Resources / Compliance
57365 M-51 South
(269) 782-8163 - Human Resources
(269) 782-5198 - Compliance
Toll free- (Coming Soon)

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
July 2009

Potawatomi at the Potawatomi Zoo

Article Written by Laurel Bieschke, Education Associate

On Saturday, May 16th, the Pokagon Band Department of Education sponsored a "Learn Potawatomi at the Potawatomi Zoo" outing. Despite the early morning rain, nearly one hundred community members gathered at the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, IN for an afternoon of language activities focused on zoo animals and local critters. Children were taught animal words through cross word puzzles, word searches, matching games, and a spinning prize wheel in addition to several rounds of Shishib´e--everyone's favorite method of learning! Each child went home with a free book of their choice as well as a folder packed with creative language games. As the sun emerged and the animals awakened, families shared in a picnic lunch before exploring the zoo grounds for the remainder of the day. If you are interested in free copies of Potawatomi Language games, please stop by the Department of Education 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.







Reminder

Pokagon Band General Elections

July 11th

Polls open at 9am and will close at 6pm

Absentee Ballots can be post marked no later than 4:30PM, July 10th

For questions and information, contact the
Pokagon Band Election Office (269) 782-9475

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Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

Human Resources and Compliance have moved

Human Resources and Compliance have moved to the Administrative Health Building located at 57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI. This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

The deadline for membership submissions for the August newsletter will be **July 14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday –1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.



ELDER OF THE MONTH
Oddil Amen Shaer
Dowagiac, Michigan

Oddil Amen Shaer, born January 8, 1938 in Dowagiac, Michigan. His Mother Clara Winchester Shaer was Native American and his Dad, Joseph Amen Shaer was born in Lebanon, so he grew up enjoying two different cultures with lots of delicious foods, liking the Lebanese food as well as the Native American food.

He has one brother Ollie Shaer, and three sisters, Mary Vogt, Josephine Spichtig, and Jeanne Miller, brother Francis deceased. Oddil served in the Army from 1961 to 1963 in the Military Police and was stationed in Utah for a short time which was beautiful country in the mountains.

Oddil has 4 daughters, Gianna Nate, Maria Shaer, Liana Heath and Toni Shaer (deceased). He has 3 grandchildren and enjoys them very much, all girls Ava, Anysia and Danica. He also has two step-daughters, Julie Keating of Fort Myers, Florida and Jenny Behnke of Dowagiac. Granddaughters, Grace and Sophia and Grandson Sam.

Oddil is married to Sandy and they enjoy going to auctions, and traveling up North and spending as much time together as they can.

Hobbies are Gardening, collecting fishing lures which he has been doing for about 6 years and being on the computer.

Oddil retired in September 2003 from SPX/Contech in Mishawaka. He has been working with Pokagon Tribal Maintenance part time since spring 2004.

July 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.		1 Pork Loin on Grill Red Skin Potato Salad Collard Greens Jell-O W/ Fruit/ Roll	2 Business Cornish Hens W/ Wild Rice Tomato Salad Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Carrots Strawberries/ Rolls	3 Closed Fourth of July
6 Buffalo Burgers on Grill Assorted Relish Tray Black Bean Salad Fruit Salad	7 Ham W/ Pineapple Sweet Potatoes Brussels Sprouts/ Roll Cottage Cheese / Sliced Tomatoes	8 B.B.Q. Chicken Breast on Grill Baked Potato Asparagus Blueberry Cobbler/ Roll	9 Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce Garden Salad/ Garlic Bread Zucchini and Summer Squash Spumoni Ice Cream	10 Salmon Patties Macaroni and Cheese Tomato Salad/ Green Beans Yogurt W/ Fruit/ Roll
13 Pork Chops on Grill Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Broccoli and Carrots Melon Salad/ Roll	14 Buffalo Meatloaf Noodles W/ Gravy Garden Salad/ Beets Strawberry Cheesecake Cup/ Roll	15 Egg and Ham Strata Potato Cakes Fruit Salad/ V-8 Juice Mini Bagel W/ Cream Cheese	16 Social B.B.Q. Chicken Potato Salad/ Coleslaw Carrots Sherbet/ Roll	17 Taco Bake or Fish Sticks Garden Salad Fruit Salad Garlic Bread
20 Boiled Dinner (Sausage, Beans, Potatoes, Cabbage, and Corn). Cottage Cheese/ Sliced Tomato Apple Crisp/ Corn Bread	21 Buffalo Sloppy Joes Potato Cakes Assorted Veggie Tray Jell-0 W/ Fruit	22 Deli Day Ham, Turkey, or Roast Beef Pita or Sandwich Assorted Veggie Tray Macaroni Salad/ Strawberry Pie	23 Pork Roast W/ Red Potatoes and Carrots Coleslaw Applesauce/ Roll	24 Seafood Day Shrimp, Crab Cakes & Scallops Alfredo Noodles Garden Salad Melon/ Roll
27 Hamburgers and Hotdogs on Grill Oven Baked French Fries Assorted Relish Tray Baked Beans Cottage Cheese and Pineapple	28 Turkey Pot Pie Garden Salad Waldorf Salad Roll	29 Chicken Manhattan Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Garden Salad/ Broccoli Fruit Salad	30 Spanish Rice W/ Sausage Brussels Sprouts Cucumber Salad Yogurt W/ Fruit Roll	31 Sliced Ham or Crab Salad Garden Salad Peas W/ Carrots Watermelon Roll



Walk the Path Lake Erie Enrolling Participants NOW

Participants are on their walk and it's not too late to join them. The Family Fun Walk with 13 participants who were not afraid to get wet on Saturday, May 16, began the pretend "virtual" quest of 733 miles, round trip. There is plenty of time for any one to begin this opportunity to increase your daily exercise and begin the fight to prevent diabetes or if you are diabetic, to lower the complications of diabetes. You choose how quickly you would like to complete this "paper record" of your journey to Niagara /Falls and back to Wapole Island. If you walk an average of 5 ¼ miles a day you would be finished in just 20 weeks, 3 ½ miles a day you would complete the journey in 30 weeks. The pace is yours and so are the health benefits. Call Susan, at 1-888-440-1234, to get a map, learn about the incentives as you pass through each distance marker, and receive your T-shirt and pedometer to get you started. Make your phone call today and join in the fun.





Women's Health Fair

"It was a great success," "I had a great time" "It was fun," was the echo from all those who attended Women"s Health Fair, 2009, on Saturday, June 6th , at both IHS office buildings. Over 50 women buzzed with the excitement of visiting with each other and renewing acquaintances from past years health fairs. . The lines moved swiftly to get nails manicured, hands waxed, hair cut, see the shoes offered for the Native foot by Nike, get eye glasses adjusted, or get a massage while at the Clinic 2 building. Across the street in the Clinic 1 building, new sessions were offered to our participants that included hearing screenings by Pam Riley of Darr Associates, and a presentation about fibromyalgia by Malanee Swihart, physical therapist at Borgess/Lee Memorial Hospital. In addition, all of the regular offerings of lab tests, blood pressure tests, annual physicals, body composition analysis, and the healing touch of Marie, a native healer were available. One woman indicated that "This is a wonderful opportunity to have free health screenings if you don't normally see a doctor during the year." As a fun break, during our delicious lunch, diabetes bingo was played. Wonderful complementary gift bags that emphasized foot care and T-shirts were provided for all those who attended and submitted a program evaluation. All of us at Health Services want to thank all of the women who attended and showed their support with their participation in IHS programming. Planning has already begun for next years Women's Health Fair and we hope that you will plan to attend. If you have suggestions for future health fair activities, please contact Health Services at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Spiritual Healer

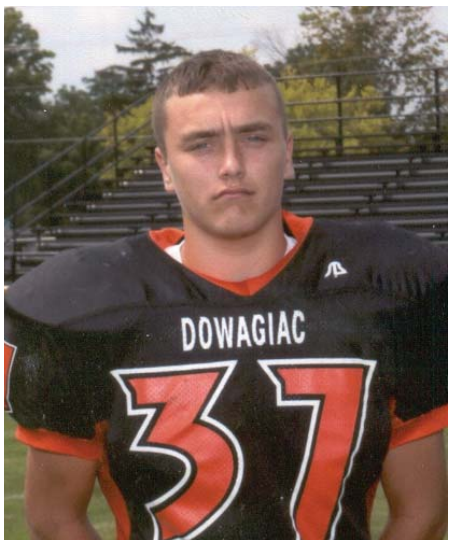
Jake Pine will be here July 29th, 30th, & 31st for healing. Appointments are done in half hour increments. If you would like to make an appointment, call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, at the Department of Education. 1-888-330-1234.

Healing Lodge

There will be a healing lodge conducted by Jake Pine August 1st starting at 8:00 a.m. If you are attending, you'll need to bring a towel, long shorts, and a non-fitted t-shirt. Women on their cycle will not be able to come into the lodge. If you have any questions, call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, at the Department of Education. 1-888-330-1234. Miigwetch

Full Moon Ceremony

There will be a Full Moon Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, July 7th, 2009



Anthony Nelson
Student of the Month

Anthony Nelson attends 10th grade at Dowagiac Union High School in Dowagiac, MI. He is the son of Greg and Lynn Nelson, and grandson of the late Bev Nelson. In his free time, Anthony likes to play football, basketball and lift weights. His dream is to play football for Notre Dame, where he would like to obtain a degree in Business Management. Gregory also enjoys attending Pow-wows, hunting, fishing and swimming on the tribal land. He is proud of his elders who have fought to save Pokagon land and keep the Potawatomi culture alive. One day he hopes to pass these stories on to his children and grandchildren.

"Mzenegenek" Reading Program

Article Written by Becky Accoe, Education Associate

Pokagon Band Department of Education "Mzenegenek" Reading Program has reached an end. K-12 students were asked to read as many books as possible, especially books from the Pokagon Band Library, from March 23 to June 3, 2009. As a group, the students read a total of 280 books. This means approximately four books were being read per day. Nice job!

Lucie Carpenter, a first grade student at Sister Lakes Elementary, read the most books during the K-5 Enrichment Lab "Mzenegenek" Reading Program.

Megan Shepard, a sixth grade student at Dowagiac Middle School, read the most books for 6th - 12th graders.

All readers were acknowledged for participating and the students who read the most books won an educational game.



Lucie Carpenter, Mzenegenek Program Reading Champ for the K-5 Dowagiac Enrichment Lab, is surrounded by friends and fellow readers: Shelby Wilkinson, Carolina Delgado, Lucie, Emily Potter, and Gracie Wilkinson. She read 73 books during the three month program.

Higher Education Programs Updates

New Scholarship Format starting for the Fall 2009 Semester
Starting with the Fall semester, the Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship will have the following payment process:

Eligible Students (based on unmet need)
will receive the following assistance:

Students attaining an Associates Degree - $100 per credit/hour
Students attending a four year college - $200 per credit/hour
Students attending grad school - $300 per credit / hour

Also, starting with the Fall semester, eligible students will be able to receive the following assistance in a book stipend:

Attending a community college Or four year college - $50 per class
Students attending a four year college - $50 per class
Students attending grad school - $100 per class

New Higher Education Assistance Now Available
The following financial assistance is now available
for Pokagon Tribal members:

-Payment for Grad School Application Fees (up to $100)
-Payment for Graduate Testing Fees (Up to $250)
-Financial support for major related conferences, workshops, trainings, and internships (Up to $500)
-Financial support for high school seniors who are dually enrolled in high school and college (Up to $400 per semester)

Attention Recent College Graduates:
The Department of Education would like to honor your accomplishment. Pokagon members who have received a Bachelors Degree Graduate Degree, or a Post Graduate Degree from October 2008-August 1, 2009 will be honored at the Kee Boon Mein Pow Wow on Sunday, September 6th with a gifting of Pendleton blankets. Graduates who cannot attend but would like to be honored can have a family member or friend receive the blanket for them in their place. To qualifiy for the blanket, you must fill out the required form and submit proof of your graduation date by July 20th.

For more information on the above programs, please contact Joseph Avance, the Higher Education Specialist at 1-888-330-1234 or @ joseph.avance@pokagon.com
Please also check out the Department of Education section of the Pokagon Band website @www.pokagon.com Forms for the programs are available at the Pokagon website.

Pokagon Alumni Networking Breakfast
Sunday, September 6th (Pow Wow Weekend)
Zeke's Restaurant, Downtown Dowagiac 9 am
All Pokagon Band members who are currently attending college, graduated from college, or about to start college in the fall are invited to attend the first networking breakfast. Enjoy sometime getting to sharing resources with other members before enjoying the pow wow. If you are interested, please RSVP with Jessica at 1-888-330-1234 or jessica.cornelius@pokagon.com by August 21st .

Checklist for the Department of Education Summer Activities

T-Shirt Design Contest – All K – 12 Students,
including recent High School Grads
Deadline – July 1

Skono Gizhguk! (Go to School Day)
Sunday, August 2, 11:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tribal Council Pavilion
Potluck, Workshops, and Awards Ceremony
Program Registration with School Supplies
(We will also be registering K-12 students
and issuing school supplies at
Keen-boon-Mein-kaa PowWow , Labor Day Weekend
Deadline for Student Awards Forms – July 17

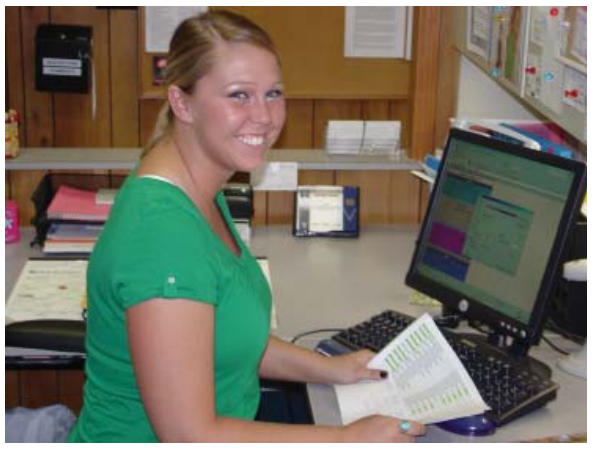
Graduate Awards Banquet – Honoring High School Graduates
and GED Recipients
Friday, July 10 from 6:45 – 9:30 pm at SMC
Deadline for Senior Award Forms – July 1
Deadline for Banquet Reservations for
Graduates, Families and Community – July 1

Science Camp
July 18 and 19
Rodgers Lake Property
Deadline for Registration – July 3

Please call the Department of Education, 888-330-1234 or 269-782-0887 for further information.

Enjoy your summer!

New Faces in the Education Department



Jessica Cornelius
Administrative Assistant

My name is Jessica Cornelius and I am the Administrative Assistant for the Pokagon Band Department of Education. I graduated in 2004 from Niles High School. After high school, I attended Western Michigan University to major in Organizational Communications and minor in English. In December 2008, I graduated from WMU with a Bachelor's of Arts. I have a strong passion for Native American People as I myself am Oneida. I am very excited to work with the Pokagon Band and especially love working with the Department of Education. I look forward to my future employment with the Pokagon Band and hope to benefit the tribe in every way possible.



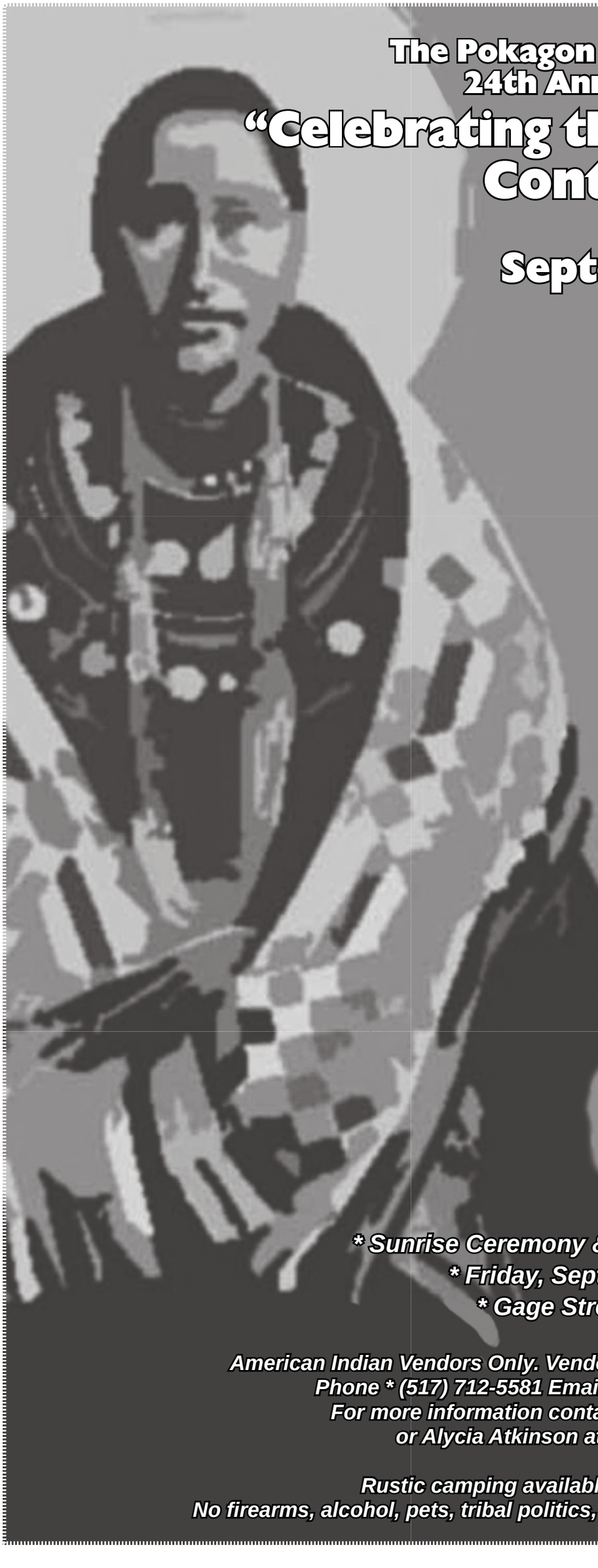
Joseph Avance
Higher Education Specialist

Hello, my name is Joseph Avance and I work in the Pokagon Band Department of Education as the Higher Education Specialist. I graduated from the Niles Community School system and received my Bachelors degree in Business Management from Adrian College, located in Adrian, Michigan. I have been married for 21 years and am the proud parent of two wonderful children. I have worked for years in higher education and I value the opportunity of working for the Pokagon Band. I hope that the experience and commitment that I have to education will bring great success to members of the Pokagon Band family.



Kateri O'Toole
Education Associate

Hi my name is Kateri O'Toole. I am from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I grew up in Mayetta Kansas on the PBPN Reservation. I Graduated from Royal Valley High School in Hoyt, Kansas. After high school I moved to Lansing, Michigan where I attended Lansing Community College and received a General Associates Degree. I then transferred to Central Michigan University where I am currently finishing a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Administrations. I recently just moved to the area with my fiancé Brian Dayson. I am very excited to be working with the Pokagon Band in the Department of Education. I hope it will be a long and prosperous relationship.



The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa

"Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest" Contest Pow-wow

September 5-6, 2009

Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI

Grand Entry
Saturday
1PM & 7PM
Sunday
Noon

- **Dance Contest**
- **Hand Drum Special**
- **Great Lakes Old Style**
- **Traditional Special**
- **Teresa Magnuson Womens Fancy Shawl Special**
- **Esther St. John Women's Northern Traditional Cloth/Buckskin Special**

Host Drum: **Midnight Express, MN**
Invited Drums:
War Club, WI
Ribbon Town, IN
Southern Straight, MI
Spirit Lake, MI

Master of Ceremonies: **Leonard Malatare, IL**
Head Veteran: **George Martin, MI**
Head Male Dancer: **Greg Morsaw, MI**
Head Female Dancer: **Esther St. John, MN**
Head Jr. Male Dancer: **Stanley Morseau III, MI**
Head Jr. Female Dancer: **Skyler Ballew, MI**
Head Male Dance Judge: **Dave Shananaquet, MI**
Head Female Dance Judge: **Punkin Shananaquet, MI**
Arena Director: **Steve Oldman Sr, MI**

**** Sunrise Ceremony & Women's Water Walk ****
**** Friday, September 4, 2009 ****
**** Gage Street Property ****

American Indian Vendors Only. Vendor information contact Teresa Magnuson
Phone * (517) 712-5581 Email * teresa@redpaintprinting.com
For more information contact Julie Farver, (269) 240-8045
or Alycia Atkinson at anishmama2@aol.com

Rustic camping available for pow-wow participants
No firearms, alcohol, pets, tribal politics, or personal golf carts on pow-wow grounds

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mikayla Pratt, daughter of Wayne & Lisa Pratt, Granddaughter of Sharon (Wesaw) & Forrest Pratt, Great Granddaughter of T. Nelson & Marion (Medawis) Wesaw, was presented with several school awards on June 4th 2009. She received; Spelling Bee finalist, Perfect High Honor Roll (all four marking periods), and was nominated by her class mates and teachers for "The Bud Fryling Good Citizenship Award" for good attendance, great attitude, Service & Volunteerism, and good manners. Mikayla is a 5th grader at Nickel Intermediate school is Byron Center, Michigan.

Congrats, Mikayla!

Happy Anniversary Nonnie and Poppy. Thanks for being such wonderful and fun Grandparents.

I love you, Deyton

Happy Birthday to our
Arkansas Babies
July 1st-George McMurtrie Jr.
July 6th-David Maleski Jr.
July 15th-Trey McMurtrie III
July 24th-Tammy Sorters
We Love You All,
Granny & PaPa McWhorter

Happy Birthday!!!
Skye Wallin-7/7

Love, Kathy

Happy 14th anniversary to our children Ryan and Lisa. Many more happy years together. July 1, 1995

Love Mom and Dad

Happy 23rd Birthday Raquel
Congradulations on yoir graduation
Good luck with your job at
Four Winds Casino Resort

Love
Grandpa

Happy Birthday to my
Bra-Bra
Kenneth Rader
It is just Me & You,so
Stay well,Love You Always,
Sarah & George McWhorter

Happy Birthday!!!
James Ivy-7/2
Dylan Johnson-7/6
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Skye Wallin-7/7

Love, Kathy

Happy twenty ninth anniversary to our children Derek and Francie. Many more wonderful years together.

We love you, Dad and Mom.
July 5, 1980



YOU DID IT!
Jessica Blake
2009
Lakeshore High School Graduate

Congratulations,
Rob, Dawn, Cheyenne
Alexis and Cody Harmon



Congratulations to Hailey Elizabeth Lewis for making the honor roll. I'm really proud of my baby.

Love Uncle Bill



Happy 21st Birthday to Jeremy Joy on Jul. 10

Happy Birthday!!!
Skye Wallin-7/7
Love, Kathy



Happy Belated 18th Birthday
Steffen Morseau

Love,
Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh, and Sydney



Joseph Scott Winchester, Jr. graduated in May from the University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Fine Arts with a concentration in time based art. His work includes film projects, video and sound pieces and photographic works. The 3 year program at the University of Texas is one of the top MFA programs in the country. Fellowships and honors include: the David Bruton, Jr. Endowed Graduate Fellowship, two years running; and the Helen Milam Hughes Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Art.

Joe is the son of Scott Winchester and Diana Winchester of Sister Lakes, and Carol Winchester of Sarasota, Florida. After spending the summer in Rome, Italy, working on personal projects, he will be moving to New York City to continue his work as a director and filmmaker.

We wish to thank the Pokagon Band for the scholarship assistance throughout his Bachelor and Masters studies.

Chi Megwitch - The family of Joseph Winchester.



Happy 41st Birthday on Jul 21, Dean and Dale Lewis, the babiest ones of the Lewis clan.

Love you big bro, Billy



Happy Belated 12th Birthday to Joshua Lewis

Love your Uncle Bill



Happy 21st Birthday to Shane Roy Rummage Jul. 26th

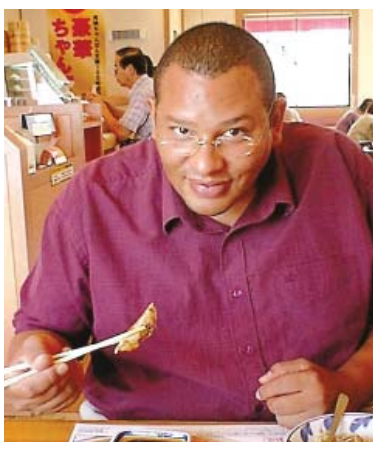


Happy Birthday
Cody Harmon
Our Little Man is turning 3!

With All Our Love,
Mom, Dad
Cheyenne and Alexis

Happy Birthday!!!
James Ivy-7/2
Dylan Johnson-7/6

Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike



Happy Father's Day Uncle HANK

Love,
Malik, Ahmad, Jayeir and Isaiah

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to the following:

Anela Wilson – July 3
Ranella Parker – July 4
Preston Carpenter – Jul. 5
Drew Willis – July 7
Daniel Wilson – July 8
Richard Burgh Jr. – July 19
Ralph Kenney – July 11
Guy Brasmer – July 15
Patricia Kenney – July 15
Chester Swisher – July 17
Mark Wilson Jr. – July 17
Justin Brazie – July 23
Adam James Guise – July 23
Sarah Dutty – July 24
Mindy Wilson – July 26
Kelly Wilson – July 28
David Councilman – July 29
Emily Roach – July 20

Happy Anniversay Edward and Mariella July 21

From Dorothy Burgh



Jeanna T. Winchester, Ph.D. completed her Doctorate in Philosophy at Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton, Florida in April; specializing in Complex Systems and Brain Sciences. Dr. Winchester's pioneering work in neurodegenerative diseases has focused in advancing our knowledge of the debilitating effects of Diabetes Mellitus and Alzheimer's Disease. Working with functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging techniques, she has contributed new insights into the cognitive decline known to affect the aging population and patients suffering from Alzheimer's.

Having completed her work in Florida, Dr. Winchester has relocated to Irvine, California; expanding on her predoctoral work with world renowned scientist, Dr. Carl Cotman, Ph.D.; at the Brain Aging and Dementia Institute at the University of California, Irvine.

She will be running genetic tests and using Positron Emission Tomography to study how exercise and dietary changes may help halt the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

Jeanna is the daughter of Scott and Diana Winchester of Sister Lakes and of Carol Winchester of Sarasota, Florida.

The Winchester family thanks the Pokagon Band for their scholarship assistance throughout Jeanna's Bachelor, Masters, and Doctoral studies.

Chi Megwitch.

Happy Birthday!!!
James Ivy-7/2
Dylan Johnson-7/6

Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike



Happy Father's Day Henry Jefferson Grubb II

From your loving family



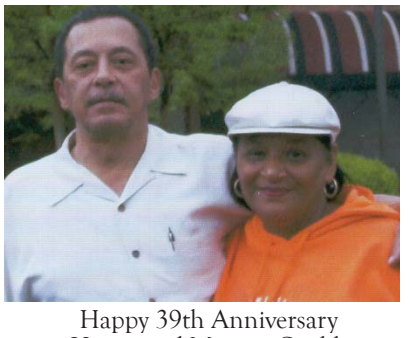
Happy Father's Day Henry J. Grubb

From Your Wife and Children



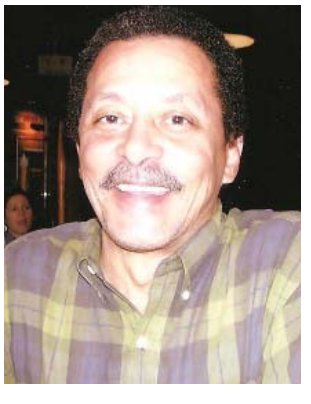
Happy Birthday and Happy Father's Day,
Steven Birks

Love,
Konnie Malik, Ahmad,Jayeir and Isaiah



Happy 39th Anniversary
Henry and Monica Grubb

From you Children and Grandchildren



Happy Father's Day Big Daddy

Love,
Malik, Ahmad, Jayeir and Isaiah

Where Are You?
by Liz Glowacki

Recently I attended a committee meeting. Having never been to a tribal meeting of any sort I was curious as to what to expect. Of course I came with preconceived notions like a room full of concerned people ready to give ideas to benefit our cause. Instead I walked into a room of only three people, only one of which would count towards having a 'quorum'. (For those of you who are not familiar with the word, it means the minimum number of members required to be present in order for anything to be voted upon or even discussed.) In our case we had to achieve the magic number of five. I arrived with one, and one showed up shortly after we did, so that made three. The final two we needed did show up, however much later.

Although there were several thoughts and concerns in my mind, one of my top concerns was where was everyone? Aren't we the tribe with around 4,000 members? Aren't we the tribe that now has access to funds to help stabilize and strengthen ourselves? Where are the committee members who promised to come to these meetings to decide what will happen and speak on behalf of everyone in the tribe? What happens when committee members don't show up? Who makes the decisions when the committee cannot? These are all questions that I have, and think you should have too! This is our tribe and there are decisions being made that affect us and we have the right and privilege to voice our opinions and what is important to us, instead of getting upset when something gets decided that makes us unhappy. This meeting was an eye opener for me and my hope is that this article will serve as an eye opener for you.

The purpose of this article and possible future articles is to shed a little light on what I witnessed as a plea to our members who have never given thought to getting involved to get involved. There is power in numbers, and numbers is what we are lacking. By the end of the meeting I found myself wishing I could attend all committee meetings, and perhaps even become a member to facilitate change. Now, my wish is to inspire many more members to feel the same. Ask not what your tribe can do for you, but what you can do for your tribe.



Mr. Mark Parish....

Thank-you so much for the opportunity to work with you once again on the North Liberty Property, planting prairie grass this past spring. As always your vision, dedication to the Pokagon Band and Stewardship of their properties is surpassed by no other.

It was truly an Honor & Privilege to be involved in the creation of something that will be forever enjoyed by our families & all Pokagon Families for generations to come . We look forward to all the possibilities the future has to offer.

Mike & Andy Jackson, Environmental Services.



Pictured from left to right: John Wernet, Matthew Wesaw, Steve Winchester, Governor Jennifer Granholm, Butch Starrett

POKAGONS MEET WITH GOVERNOR GRANHOLM

Vice-Chairman Matt Wesaw, Council members Steve Winchester and Butch Starrett attended the annual Tribal/Governor Accord meeting on June 11th host by the Sault Saint Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on their reservation. The Accord fulfills a commitment called for in a tribal state accord signed between Governor Engler and the Tribes in his last year as Governor. The accord called for annual meetings between the Governor and the Tribal Leaders of Michigan's 12 federally recognized Indian tribes. Governor Granholm had pledged to honor the accord in her first year in office.

The Governor and Tribal Leaders signed a Climate Accord this year. As part of the accord, a Tribal-State Climate Change Forum comprised of representatives of the Governor and the Indian tribes will meet at least twice each year to share information, develop analyses, and propose action plans to address global warming. Those action plans may include pollution control, alternative clean-energy technologies, and conservation. Tribal council will now consider who will represent the tribe's interest in these meetings.

In addition, Tribal Leaders were able to meet privately with the Governor to discuss issues of specific interest. Steve, Butch, and I, all offered comments to the Governor for her consideration.

Vice-Chairman Wesaw was invited by the White House to attend a press event in Kalamazoo on Friday June 12th in which the Vice-President of the United States was going to announce that the U.S. Treasury is offering $2 billion in recovery zone bonds. During the Road to Recovery event at Loy Norrix High School, V.P. Biden announced a $44 million road widening of I-94 project that will be financed by stimulus money. The project will include the re-engineering of the exit to Westenedge Avenue from I-94. The event was attended by Governor Granholm, Senators Stabenow and Levin and other local officials. This is the second invitation, that I'm aware of, where Native American Leadership has been included by this administration. That is a distinct improvement from the past eight years.

In closing, I would like to offer my congratulation so my sister, Lois Wesaw. Lois was just appointed to the Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital board of Trustees to a three year term ending in 2012. In her letter of appointment the Chairman of the Board, Charles Burling, D.D.S. indicated that Lois was appointed partly based on her combined knowledge, expertise, and talents which will be used to assist Borgess-Lee Memorial in serving the community. Nice work Lois, the Pokagon Band can be proud one of their own has received such a significant appointment.

- Matt Wesaw, Vice-Chairman

GENERAL INFORMATION

Indiana Native American Heritage Day

A festival celebrating modern and thriving Native American cultures in Indiana

- Saturday
- August 29, 2009
- 10am to 7pm
- Garfield Park, Indianapolis, IN

*Seating is Limited: Lawn Chairs, Blankets, & Picnics Welcome

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, OFFICE OF MAYOR GREGORY A. BALLARD, THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI, AND ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL:
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- Health Education

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"who We are"

Nishnabek Taomén

A celebration of fellowship and learning that brings the nine bands of Potawatomi people together as one. The Gathering is in its 16th year. Please join us at Prairie People's Park located on M Road between 150th and 158th on the Reservation (approximately 20 miles north of Topeka).

August 6-8, 2009

PBPN Prairie Peoples Park
15400 M Road • Mayetta, KS 66509

Host Hotel Information

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605 Fairlawn, Topeka, KS 66606

Best Western Inn & Suites
785.228.2223
700 Fairlawn, Topeka, KS 66606

Sleep Inn & Suites - 785.228.2500
1024 SW Wanamaker Rd., Topeka, KS 66604

Days Inn - 785.272.8538
1510 SW Wanamaker, Topeka, KS 66604

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Super 8 - 785.364-1988
300 S Arizona, Holton, KS 66436

Red Roof Inn - 785.364-3172
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(Ask for Potawatomi Gathering Block)

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"ALL POTAWATOMI GATHERING 2009"

The "All Potawatomi Gathering" will be held in Mayetta, Kansas on August 6th-8th, 2009.

Bus transportation will be available on August 4th, departing from the Dowagiac Train Depot and returning on August 9th. A Community Dinner is taking place at the Pow Wow Grounds in Mayetta on August 5th so this has been figured in with travel time.

If you are interested in reserving a seat on the bus, please contact Kelly Curran/Beth Warner at the Council Lodge at (269) 782-6323 or 1-888-376-9988. A $25.00 Cash Only deposit to hold your seat is needed no later than July 27th at 4:00p.m. This money will be returned to each individual once they arrive at the bus on August 4th. Please note Elder's will have preference on holding a seat on the bus. If we find that the bus is filling up we will look into providing a second bus. Once your deposit has been paid it is non-refundable if you decide not to attend or are a no show the day of departure.

A list of hotels are attached. If you are not an Elder that has already signed up with the Elders for a hotel room it is your responsibility to make your own hotel arrangements. Please contact the first hotel on the list and go on from there. This will keep everyone in the same general area for transporting back and forth during the Gathering.

Please feel free to call Kelly Curran/Beth Warner at 1-888-376-9988

or (269)-782-6323 with any questions you may have.

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(269) 782-4141 /
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FAX (269) 782 - 8797

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Enrollment
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Toll Free (888) 782-1001
FAX (269) 782-1964

Commodities
(269) 782-3372 /
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FAX (269) 782-9795

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Housing Department
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(269) 783-0443 /
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FAX (269) 783-0452

Tribal Court
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505 /
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Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232 /
Toll Free (866-399-0161)
FAX (269) 782-7988

Election
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9475 /
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Human Resources / Compliance
57365 M-51 South
(269) 782-8163 - Human Resources
(269) 782-5198 - Compliance
Toll free- (Coming Soon)

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

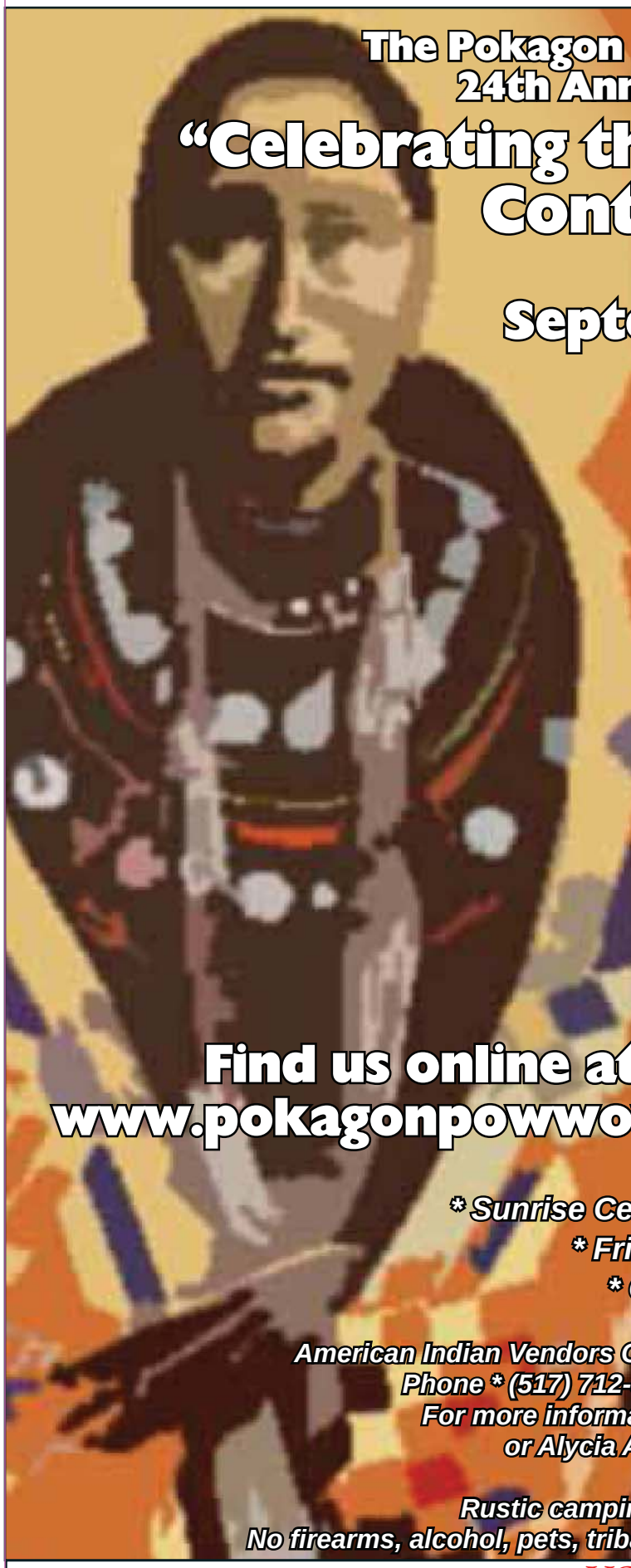
This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
August 2009



The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa
"Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest"
Contest Pow-wow

September 5-6, 2009

Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI

Grand Entry
Saturday
1PM & 7PM
Sunday
Noon

- Dance Contest
- Hand Drum Special
- Great Lakes Old Style
- Traditional Special
- Teresa Magnuson Womens Fancy Shawl Special
- Esther St. John Women's Northern Traditional Cloth/Buckskin Special

Host Drum: Midnight Express, MN
Invited Drums:
War Club, WI
Ribbon Town, IN
Southern Straight, MI
Spirit Lake, MI

Master of Ceremonies: Leonard Malatare, IL
Head Veteran: George Martin, MI
Head Male Dancer: Greg Morsaw, MI
Head Female Dancer: Esther St. John, MN
Head Jr. Male Dancer: Stanley Morseau III, MI
Head Jr. Female Dancer: Skyler Ballew, MI
Head Male Dance Judge: Dave Shananaquet, MI
Head Female Dance Judge: Punkin Shananaquet, MI
Arena Director: Steve Oldman Sr, MI

Find us online at:
www.pokagonpowwow.com

** Sunrise Ceremony & Women's Water Walk **
** Friday, September 4, 2009 **
** Gage Street Property **

American Indian Vendors Only. Vendor information contact Teresa Magnuson
*Phone * (517) 712-5581 Email * teresa@redpaintprinting.com*
For more information contact Julie Farver, (269) 240-8045
or Alycia Atkinson at anishmama2@aol.com

Rustic camping available for pow-wow participants
No firearms, alcohol, pets, tribal politics, or personal golf carts on pow-wow grounds

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the upcoming Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow
September 5th & 6th, 2009, Labor Day Weekend

We are still in need of volunteers in the following areas: Security, Parking, Vendor Assistants, T-shirt Sales, and Ice Sales

Please note that on Friday September 4th there will be a mandatory volunteer meeting at the Pavilion and dinner will be served at 7 pm.
Please contact Julie Farver at 269-240-8045 or Email: Julie.farver@pokagon.com

Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Veterans Committee has scheduled monthly meetings to be held on the 2nd Thrusday of every month. The first meeting will be held on August 13th at 1PM.

For more information, contact
Butch Starrett @ 269-591-2601

Human Resources and Compliance
have moved to the
Administrative Health Building located at
57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI.
This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

The deadline for membership submissions for the September newsletter will be **August 14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday –1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

August 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Beans, & Cheese Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit	4 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies/ Brown Rice Tossed Salad Fortune Cookie/ Fruit/ Roll	5 Fish Sandwich on Bun Roasted Garlic Tomato Soup Garden Salad Watermelon	6 Closed Vacation	7 Closed Vacation
10 Closed Vacation	11 B.B.Q. Chicken Potato Salad/ Veggie Tray Green Peas Pears/ Roll	12 Pork Chops Baked Sweet Potato Zucchini in Tomato Sauce Fruit Salad/ Roll	13 Business Lunch Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn on the Cob/ Garden Salad Blueberry Crisp/ Roll	14 Meat Lasagna Garden Salad/Carrots Jell-O W/ Fruit/ Garlic Bread Spumoni Ice Cream
17 Goulash W/ Kidney Beans Veggie Tray Cottage Cheese/ Peaches Corn Bread	18 Pot Roast W/ Potatoes & Carrots Garden Salad Apple Crisp Roll	19 Chili W/ Turkey Coleslaw Fruit Tray Corn Bread	20 Pork Barbeque Sandwich Macaroni Salad Tangy Red Slaw Melon Tray	21 Salmon Patties Oven Baked Potato Cake Green Beans Fruit Salad Roll
24 Ham in Au Gratin Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots Garden Salad Pineapple/ Roll	25 Buffalo Stew Garden Salad Oatmeal Cookie/ Sherbet Roll	26 Chicken and Stuffing Green Bean Casserole Tomato Salad/ Roll Lemon Meringue Pie	27 Social Lunch Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fruit/ Roll	28 Hotdog / Brats OR Veggie Burger Pork and Beans/ Potato Cakes Spinach Salad Relish Tray/ Fruit
31 Chicken Ala King & Noodles Asparagus Cucumber Salad Fruit/ Roll				Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

Take Safety on Your Pow Wow Picnic

The summer months bring many sunny days, hot temperatures and opportunities for fellowship and picnicking at Pow Wow's and Gatherings. Don't let a foodborne illness be an uninvited guest spoiling those good time activities. Remember to think safety when preparing, storing, and serving the delicious foods that bring nourishment and pleasure to you, your family, and friends.

Reasons good foods go bad and can be hazardous to your health include:

- Some foods receive a lot of handling during preparation such as potato or macaroni salad, shaping hamburger patties, making sandwiches, and even cutting up fruit. Handling increases the risk of bacterial contamination.

- Food is not cooled rapidly after cooking. If you precook a food in large quantities they must be cooled rapidly by small batch ing and refrigerating immediately so harmful bacteria do not grow. If it is served cold it should be 40 degrees or lower. If it is served hot it must be held hotter than 140 degrees.

- The danger zone for bacterial growth is 40-140 degrees. The longer food sits out bacteria multiply rapidly and foodborne illness can result. How do picnic foods need to be kept safe? By following these guidelines you can help make your picnic risk free of getting a foodborne illness.

- Wash hands and work surfaces before making your recipes. Use clean utensils and containers.

- Do not prepare foods more than one day before you picnic unless you plan to freeze it. Over 67% foodborne illnesses are due to improper cooling.

- Mayonnaise based foods need to be kept cold. Mayonnaise alone is too acidic for bacteria to grow in it. But when mixed with other foods that have been handled a lot or are protein foods, bacteria grow when kept too warm.

- Wash any fruit, including melons before cutting and keep them cold. Melons are not acidic enough to stop the growth of harmful bacteria.

- Pack for safety. Keep cold food cold and hot food hot.

- Do not store food in the car trunk. Travel with food in side the air conditioned car.

- Pack plenty of utensils and dishware to avoid cross contamination with raw and cooked foods. Consider using disposable.

- When cooking at your picnic site, use the same safe handling rules that you do in your home.

- Thoroughly cook food. Do not cook partially and then finish it off later.

- Serve hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Protect contamination by insects that may carry harmful bacteria or viruses on their bodies. Keep food covered.

- Leftovers held out longer than an hour should be thrown out. If the ice in the cooler has melted to water throw out that food also as cold water cannot keep foods cold enough to be safe.

Eat and enjoy knowing that your safe food handling practices will make your summer events the healthiest and most nourishing ever. Questions? Call 888-440-1234 and ask for Susan, Community Health Nutritionist.

Lightning Safety for You and Your Family

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors! Each year in the United States, more than 400 people are struck by lightning. On average, between 55 and 60 people are killed; hundreds of others suffer permanent neurological disabilities. Most of these tragedies can be avoided with a few simple precautions. When thunderstorms threaten, get to a safe place. Lightning safety is an inconvenience that can save your life. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) collects information on weather-related deaths to learn how to prevent these tragedies. Many lightning victims say they were "caught" outside in the storm and couldn't get to a safe place. With proper planning, these tragedies could be prevented.

Other victims waited too long before seeking shelter. By heading to a safe place 5 to 10 minutes sooner, they could have avoided being struck by lightning. Some people were struck because they went back outside too soon. Stay inside a safe building or vehicle for at least 30 minutes after you hear the last thunder clap. Finally, some victims were struck inside homes or buildings while they were using electrical equipment or corded phones. Others were in contact with plumbing, a metal door or a window frame. Avoid contact with these electrical conductors when a thunderstorm is nearby!

What You Might Not Know About Lightning

All thunderstorms ms produce lightning and are dangerous. In the United States, in an average year, lightning kills about the same number of people as tornadoes and more people than hurricanes.

Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain and may strike as far as 10 miles from any rainfall. Many lightning deaths occur ahead of storms or after storms have seemingly passed.

What You Should Know About Being Caught Outside Near a Thunderstorm

There is no safe place outside in a thunderstorm. Plan ahead to avoid this dangerous situation! If you're outside and hear thunder, the only way to significantly reduce your risk of becoming a lightning casualty is to get inside a substantial building or hard-topped metal vehicle as fast as you can. In addition, you should avoid the following situations which could increase your risk of becoming a lightning casualty.

Avoid oid open areas. Don't be the tallest object in the area. Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike the taller objects in an area.

Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences. Metal does not attract lightning, but lightning can travel long distances through it.

If you are with a group of people, spread out. While this actually increases the chance that someone might get struck, it tends to prevent multiple casualties, and increases the chances that someone could help if a person is struck.

Act Fast If Someone Is Struck by Lightning!

Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge, are safe to touch, and need urgent medical attention. Cardiac arrest is the immediate cause of death for those who die. Some deaths can be prevented if the victim receives the proper first aid immediately.

Give first aid. Do not delay CPR if the person is unresponsive or not breathing. Use an Automatic External Defibrillator if one is available.

If possible, move the victim to a safer place. Lightning can strike twice. Don't become a victim.

PER CAPITA INFORMATION

EnrollID	FirstName	Middle	LastName
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1400	Nicholas	Glen	Easley
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1482	Jesse	David	Ballew
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
2382	Alexander	Zienert	Parrish
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2795	Edward	F	Cushway

Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

EnrollID	FirstName	Middle	LastName
3759	Robert		Helsel
1194	Mercedes	Andre	Gibson
3266	Bradley	Joseph	Ramirez
3942	Francine	Lee	Hamilton
898	Paul	Isaac	Gibson
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos

HEAD START

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR IS: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2009!

School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.

2009-2010 Enrollment

The application deadline was May 31, 2009. All applications received by the deadline were considered for enrollment. The Head Start Program accepts all income-eligible children first. There are several other factors that determine priority for the Head Start Program (Household income, Native American vs. Non-Native, Disabilities, 4 year old vs. 3 year old, family status, returning students and any referrals from social services agencies).

Any pre-applications received after the deadline will be placed on the waiting list by priority until an open slot becomes available. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority, in the same way they are ranked for enrollment.

We are still accepting applications for the waiting list! Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009-2010 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment.

Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Pokagon Band Head Start

*School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.

*Transportation provided in limited areas in the Dowagiac & Hartford areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.

*We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

*The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated throughout each day.

*The program does accept children with disabilities.

Upcoming Events/Closures

*August 18-20, 2009—Parent Orientations

*September 3, 2009—Open House for enrolled children & families

*September 7, 2009—Closed for Labor Day

*September 8, 2009—First day of school for the 2009-2010 School Year

*September 21, 2009—Closed for Pokagon Day

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Summer is a time for planning for the upcoming school year. This is also a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the next school year. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for:
*Play dough
*wet wipes
*One time use disposable cameras
*outdoor play toys
*sidewalk chalk
*bubbles

Happy Birthday to You!

August Birthdays
*Maxwell—August 8, 2009—Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays
*Mrs. Kathy—September 4, 2009—Happy Birthday!
*Elijah—September 26, 2009—Happy Birthday!

Higher Education Programs Updates

New Scholarship Format starting for the Fall 2009 Semester
Starting with the Fall semester, the Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship will have the following payment process:

Eligible Students
(based on unmet need) will receive the following assistance:

Students attaining an Associates Degree	$100 per credit/hour
Students attending a four year college	$200 per credit/hour
Students attending grad school	$300 per credit/hour

Also, starting with the fall semester, eligible students will be able to receive the following assistance in a book stipend
Students attending a community college

Or four year college	$50 per class
Students attending a four year college	$50 per class
Students attending grad school	$100 per class

New Higher Education Assistance Now Available
The following financial assistance is now available for Pokagon Tribal members:
-Payment for Grad School Application Fees (up to $100)
-Payment for Graduate Testing Fees (Up to $250)
-Financial support for major related conferences, workshops, trainings, and internships (Up to $500)
-Financial support for high school seniors who are dually enrolled in high school and college (Up to $400 per semester)

Attention Recent College Graduates:
The Department of Education would like to honor your accomplishment. Pokagon members who have received a Bachelors Degree Graduate Degree or a Post Graduate Degree from October 2008-August 1, 2009 will be honored at the Kee Boon Mein Pow Wow on Sunday, September 6th with a gifting of Pendleton blankets. Graduates who cannot attend but would like to be honored can have a family member or friend receive the blanket for them in their place. To qualify for the blanket, you must fill out the required form and submit proof of your graduation date by August 10th. (Note: the deadline has been extended)

For more information on the above programs, please contact Joseph Avance, the Higher Education Specialist at 1-888-330-1234 or @ joseph.avance@pokagon.com
Please also check out the Department of Education section of the Pokagon Band website @www.pokagon.com Forms for the programs are available at the Pokagon website.

Reminder about the Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship
Completed scholarship applications must be turned into the Pokagon Department of Education before the end of the semester for which you are requesting a scholarship.
Please contact the Department of Education to inquire the status of your scholarship.

Would you like to receive a weekly electronic newsletter with info about scholarships, internships, and other higher education opportunities? If so, please e-mail Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist by e-mail: joseph.avance@pokagon.com

Pokagon Alumni Networking Breakfast
Sunday, September 6th (Pow Wow Weekend)
Zeke's Restaurant, Downtown Dowagiac 9:00 a.m.

All Pokagon Band members who are currently attending college, graduated from college, or about to start college in the fall are invited to attend the first networking breakfast. Enjoy sometime sharing resources with other members before enjoying the pow wow. If you are interested, please RSVP with Jessica at 1-888-330-1234 or jessica.cornelius@pokagon.com by August 21st .

ADULT SERVICE PROGRAMS

Adult Basic Education (ABE) – an adult basic training program.
Requirements:
1. Must be a Pokagon Band tribal member and provide proof by supplying a copy of Tribal I.D.
2. Must be 18 years or older and U.S. citizen
Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education) and Payment of GED Testing costs and fees. Must contact Pokagon Band Department of Education at least several weeks before testing dates.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
Requirements:

1. Native American (federally recognized tribe) and provide proof by supplying copy of Tribal I.D.

2. 18 or older and U.S. citizen and provide copy of driver's license or state I.D.

3. Living in 10-county service area and provide proof of residency by providing a delivered piece of mail.

(Michigan: Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Van Buren; and Indiana: Elkhart, Kosciusko, La Porte, Marshall, St. Joseph and Starke)

4. Registered with Selective Service (if male between ages 18 to 26 and born after 1960) and provide proof.

5. Low Income or Underemployed or Unemployed and provide proof of all household income for the previous 6 months.

Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education), Intake (determine eligibility), Initial Assessment, and Orientation.

Training & Supportive Services: Program Training Activity and Supportive Services (if applicable) enrollment, Program Completion and 1-Year Follow-Up.

Job Readiness Workshops Available

Are you interested in creating or updating your resume, learning about how to fill out applications, how to create cover letters or how to plan to go back to work? Are you going back to school to obtain your GED and would like to attend a homework lab?

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program plans to hold Job Readiness & Employment Skills Workshops in the Dowagiac and/or Mishawaka offices. You must be eligible for the WIA program and enrolled into the classes before you are able to participate.

Please contact Traci Henslee in the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234.

LANGUAGE

Témget kedwnen se "demojgé tadiwen"
Demojgé: fishes with hook and line
Tadi: plays cards of gambles

The game is played like Go Fish, you start with 7 cards and play your pairs until you are out of cards. If you ask someone if they have a card and they give it to you, you play your pair and go again. If you ask and they say "cho, demojgé" you draw a card from the deck and your turn is over. If the card you draw pairs a card in your hand you can play the pair, but you don't get to go again. The game is over when the first player runs out of cards. The winner is the player with the most pairs.

Ngot-	One	Nish-	Two	ehgh- yes
Nswé-	Three	Nyéw-	Four	cho- no
Nyannnen-	Five	Ngotwatso-	Six	gin ashtek- your turn
Noég-	Seven	Shwatso-	Eight	
Zhak-	Nine	Mdatso-	Ten	
Jack-	Bwakat	Queen- Ogema kwé		
King-	Ogema	Deton i- do you have?		

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights
from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights
from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday, August 20th
from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
at the Dowagiac Education Building.

No Class August 6th due to the Gathering.

South Bend office classes are on August 13th and 27th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Catch a ride at Education.
The van leaves at 5:30 p.m. and please bring money for dinner.
Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

CULTURE

Craft Class
August 19th

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Mishawaka Office

Craft Day
August 22nd

Tribal Lodge

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Traditional Healer

Healer Jake Pine will be in our community to provide his gift of healing to our people on the days below. To schedule an appointment, contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234.

Times are 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with appointments being in half hour increments.

August 26th, 27th, 28th

Healing Lodge
August 29th

Jake Pine is the conductor. The Lodge starts at 8:00 a.m. Women on their moon time won't be able to come in. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Shingwauk @ 1-888-330-1234.

Talking Circle
August 14th, 2009
Teaching Cabin, Rodgers Lake
Starting @ 6:00 p.m.

John Winchester will be conducting this talking circle. If you have any questions please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to:
Janet Byro Aug 3rd
Paula Pedigo Aug 15th
Paul Wilson Aug 15th
Richard and Robert Lopez Aug. 16
Jessica Swisher Aug 16th
Renaldo Lopez Aug 20
Benny Poucho III Aug 20
Eliana Hope Parker Aug 25
Mariella Lopez Aug 27
Michael Skipper Aug 29
Mary Dutty Aug 30

Happy Belated Birthday
Opal Wilson June 8th
Richard Burgh July 9
Ricardo Abundes July 30

Jone and Michael Skipper, son's first Bday. Adam Michael. July 14th.

Dorothy and Renaldo Lopez
Happy Anniversary Aug 24th
Samantha Wilson congrats on graduation.

From: Dorothy Burgh

Congratulations Angel for you baby girl. Born 6-28-09. 5lbs. 13oz. Aiyana Marie

From Cleora Morseau

Brittany Christopherson

Congratulations on your graduation from high school. Your whole family is so proud of you. Good luck on you future endeavors.

Love Mom, Dad, and us all.

Baby Big Bear, we are all so happy to have you, the fun has just begun! XOXOXO from Your Boys, Big Sister and Mom and Dad!

Happy 1st Birthday, Brieann Cummins on Aug. 13th

Love Mom

Happy Birthday, Mikey, Aug. 29th
Love you big sis, Amanda

Happy Birthday Isiah, Aug. 21
Love, Amanda

Bozho Jayek,

I would like to express my appreciation to all those that voted for me during the 2009 general election. It is your confidence that has given me the energy and enthusiasm to pursue the level of education I currently have. I will carry this level of energy now towards an Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University and currently have taken two courses since graduating with my Masters of Arts on May 25th of this year. I will always respect you as "Anishnabeg" and carry with me your kindness and graditude in all that I do. In these hardtimes that we face as citizens of the USA and our Tribal Community may you always realize that my prayers are with you and always will be. During the last election many spoke of the need for change and with change comes growth. Sometimes growth doesn't come when we want it to, but eventually it comes. I also spoke of Unity during my campaign and strongly believe that this element needs resolve on the part of our Tribal Community as a whole. We need leadership that speaks of us, not me or I. We need leadership that can honestly say they have done something for each and everyone of the Tribal Members of the Pokagon Band and not their own personal interest. May Mamogosnan (the creator) bless you all each and every day you spend on this place we call mother earth.

bama mine,
Donald Sumners Enrollment # 1294

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Big Brothers Jordan, Broderick, Kendall, Kywin, Maxim and Big Sister Prettyrock are thrilled to announce the arrival of their little sister
Madalene CallsHim Big Bear
Born July 1, 2009
2:18 in the afternoon
8 pounds 12 ounces
21 inches in length
Proud Parents:
Madalene and Sterling Big Bear III

Congratulations to the 4 Pokagon Students that entered the MIEA Incentive Awards Program. The participants were Haley Johnson, Maya Murphy, Daniel Dick, and Robert Dick, Awards were given for A's and of perfect attendance for each marking period. We were very proud of you for entering the program. Next year we hope more students will apply to this program.

Bonnie Parrish
Committee Person



Congratulations Rhonda and Dave on your-/our baby Meshike
From Cleora Morseau

Happy Birthday!!!
Bobby Parker-8/5
Love, Kathy & mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Tammra Piper-8/30
Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday!!!
Ashley Martin-8/26
Tommy Lee Martin Jr.-8/24
Love, Aunt Kat & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Timmy Jo Lee-8/16
Love Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy 21st Anniversary!!!
To my Husband Mike Goodson.
I celebrate the beauty of each moment shared with you. Thank You for the miracle of you.... you are and always will be the love of my life. I LOVE YOU.
Always, Kathy

Michael graduated from Madisan High School in Adrian MI. His parents are Kevin and Lisa Klemm. We are extremely proud of you for all of your activities in school and sports, also on being chosen as Outstanding Male Athelete. Best of luck to you in Australia competeing against atheletes around the world.

Love ya, Mimi and Pa Pa



Congratulations Crystal on your graduation and happy Birthday too. 7-18

From Cleora Morseau



Team #1
Way to go, Jake Ketola

From Cleora Morseau

Princess Candidates Needed

2009 Potawatomi Gathering
August 6-8th, 2009

Guidelines and Qualifications:

1. Must be an enrolled member of a Potawatomi Band
2. Must be between the ages of 15 to 18
3. Must be single with no children
4. Must promote a healthy lifestyle and abstain from the use of drugs and alcohol
5. Man not hold another title at the same time

Princess Selection Criteria:

1. 500 word essay
2. Interview
3. Introduction
4. Dance competition

Registration/Application deadline: July 24, 2009

For questions, please call Paula Hopkins at 785.966.4032
Application accessible through the website at
www.pbpindiantribe.com

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57365 M-51 South
(269) 782-8163 - Human Resources
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Toll free- (Coming Soon)

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
September 2009

Backpacks and Smiles

By: Kateri O'Toole, Education Associate

On Sunday August 2, 2009 the Department of Education hosted our Back to School Launch kicking off the 2009/2010 school year. These activities were in several locations for the day spanning the times of 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We had the backpack and school supply give away located in the Department of Education office. Children were able to register for the new school year and receive their supplies. The kids started out with picking up their very own book bag for the year. We had several different styles for the children to choose from – backpacks, duffle bags and messenger bags.

The children received their bags and then were assisted by Education employees with picking out their supplies. The kids worked with a point system to figure how much they could receive. The youngest children in Elementary had a 6 point system, Middle School 8 points, and High School 10 points. The students could pick out of the items available to them as long as they stayed within their points.

The children had a multitude of items to choose from with three ring binders, folders, dividers, three different types of spiral notebooks, and loose leaf paper. They also had writing utensils, math tools, and the basics such as erasers, glue, crayons, Kleenex, and hand sanitizer. With wide eyes and shy smiles the kids picked out what they wanted with a little coaching from mom, dad, and grandparents to figure out what they would need for the new school year. The Department of Education would also like parents to know that calculators are available for children living within the ten county service area and entering the seventh grade.

Over at the pavilion, chicken, cold salads, rolls and beverages were provided and families brought a dessert potluck item for all to share. There were board games available for the families to sit and play while eating. In the pavilion, kids could make and take crafts such as their very own bird feeder and some beading with the help of Linda Yazel and Rhonda Shingwauk.

Located at Head Start was the Summer School Open House. Families were able to come through and tour the activities the kids had been up to through the four week Summer School program. In one room, the students and their families were shown Math Tips by our very own college intern, Brian Gephart. In the classroom for the youngest kids, families were entertained by a puppet show from the kids.

Since it was such a beautiful day, story telling was located outside featuring Joy Duff and her cultural stories for families.

The day wrapped up with an Awards Celebration for the children who participated with activities throughout the 2008/2009 school year and summer programs.



Chicken, salads, rolls and beverages were the beginning point of lunch...



... and desserts and fresh fruit brought in by those attending rounded out the menu.



Just because the parents get to fill out paperwork, doesn't mean the kids can't have fun!



These children worked hard and played hard during the past year. Weye I!



Each child had a moment to be honored by members of the Indian Parent Education Committee and the audience for their growth during the 2008-2009 school year and their participation in the summer programs.



Filling out JOM registration is well worth the time parents put into it. This allows children to participate in programs, recieve assistance with school costs and get the school bags and supplies.



Games were available for enjoyment for all.



Puppet shows are fun from the front to the back!

Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Veterans Committee has scheduled monthly meetings to be held on the 2nd Thrusday of every month. The first meeting will be held on August 13th at 1PM.

For more information, contact
Butch Starrett @ 269-591-2601

Human Resources and Compliance
have moved to the
Administrative Health Building located at
57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI.
This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

The deadline for membership submissions for the October newsletter will be **September14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday – 1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

September 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
Note: Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/ burgers.	1 Pot Roast Potatoes & Carrots Spinach Salad Fruit/ Roll Dutch Apple Pie	2 Sausage and Sauerkraut Potato Wedges Green Beans Melon Slices Oatmeal Raisin Cookie/ Roll	3 Business Salmon Patties Macaroni & Cheese Summer Squash & Zucchini Tomato Salad Cake/ Fruit/ Roll	4 Veggie OR Meat Pizza Tossed Salad Jell-O W/ Fruit
7 **Closed** **Labor Day**	8 Roasted Garlic Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Coleslaw Watermelon	9 Fish Oven Baked Fries Brussels Sprouts Tossed Salad Fruit/ Roll	10 Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Tomato Salad Fruit/ Roll	11 Buffalo Sloppy Joes OR Veggie Burger Garden Salad Corn on the Cob Fruit
14 Language BBQ Pork Chops Baked Potato Squash Applesauce Cottage Cheese/ Roll	15 Beef Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Tossed Salad Banana Pudding W/ Vanilla Wafers Fortune Cookie/ Roll	16 Chicken Noodle Soup W/ Dumplings Egg Salad Sandwich Veggie Tray Cherry Crisp	17 Social Turkey Spaghetti Garden Salad Mixed Veggies Garlic Bread Cottage Cheese & Pineapple	18 Salmon Patties Potato Wedges Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots Beets Berries
21 **Closed** **Reaffirmation Day** 28 Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Beans, & Cheese Fruit Blueberry Pie	22 Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, & Cheese Casserole Cucumber Salad Apple Salad/ Cornbread 29 Boiled Dinner (Sausage, beans, potatoes, onions, cabbage, corn) Cornbread Angel Food Cake W/ Strawberries	23 French Toast Sticks Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Orange Slices/ Cranberry Juice 30 Turkey Manhattan W/ Dressing Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Fruit/ Roll/ Sherbet	24 Ham Slice Sweet Potatoes Peas & Carrots Broccoli, Cauliflower Salad Triple Berry Crunch	25 Bean Soup Squash Salad Cottage Cheese & Peaches Cornbread Pineapple Upside Down Cake

ATTENTION POKAGON BAND PARENTS

Flu Season- What you need to know.

Right now, parents everywhere are preparing for a new school year, finding out who their children's teachers will be, buying school supplies, and seeing the doctor to make sure their kids are healthy and ready to learn.

But if you're a parent, you need to add one more item to that back-to-school checklist: what to do if someone in your family gets the flu.

This fall—as every fall—we not only have to plan for a new version of seasonal influenza, but in addition, another potentially serious strain, the 2009 H1N1 virus.

We first saw the new H1N1 virus in the U.S. last April, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to report higher than normal levels of flu-like illness and actual H1N1 outbreaks in some parts of the country. That's very unusual at this time of year.

CDC estimates so far we've had more than 1 million cases of H1N1 in the United States. Similar to seasonal flu, with H1N1 you'll get a fever, cough, sore throat, stuffy nose, achiness, headache, chills and fatigue. Sometimes H1N1 causes diarrhea and vomiting. Just like seasonal flu, it can be severe and potentially deadly.

H1N1 can be dangerous for a person with an underlying medical condition—such as asthma or diabetes—or if you're pregnant. So far, it's been most contagious among children and young adults age six months to 24 years. Health care workers, emergency responders, and people caring for infants should be on guard.

Scientists believe this virus could worsen with the arrival of school. But if we prepare for the virus now, it does not have to.

Some of these precautions are simple and personal. Make it a routine to wash your hands often with soap and water. Cough into your elbow or into a tissue, not in your hands.

Stay home if you're sick, and start planning now in the event that one of your kids gets the flu. And ask yourself these questions: If you work, have you made arrangements for child care? Have you talked with your employer about what to do in case you need to be out?

Some preparation is community-wide. If you're an employer, now is the time to plan to meet your objectives with a reduced staff. You do not want an employee who is ill to spread flu in the workplace.

If you're a medical provider, don't risk being overloaded and overburdened. An outbreak will not only bring people who have H1N1 into hospitals and doctors' offices—you'll also see the "worried well." Plan now to deal with the influx of patients that could come with an outbreak.

At the national level, scientists at the National Institutes of Health, the CDC, and the Food and Drug Administration are working with vaccine manufacturers to make sure that an H1N1 vaccine is not only safe, but that the virus is not changing in ways that would reduce a vaccine's impact. They expect to have a vaccine ready this fall.

If you want more information, please visit www.cdc.gov or www.michigan.gov/flu . The sites provide guidance to prepare for, prevent, and respond to an outbreak.

To wrap up: a reminder. Wash your hands, cough in your sleeve, and stay home when you're sick. Get the vaccine when it's available. No one knows what the impact of the fall flu season will be until we're in the middle of it. But how severe the flu becomes this fall will depend on how seriously each of us takes action to reduce the risk now.

Future Events Sponsored by the Pokagon Band Health Department

Chair Exercise Program: Beginning September 22, 2009, an exercise program will be offered for Tribal members of all ages, at the Elder's Hall on Townhall Road. The Elder's are graciously supporting this program and allowing us to use their facility two times a week on Tuesday and Friday, at 10:00 am. Plan to join us as we move in our chairs to the beat of music through the decades and from around the world and on alternate days work to strengthen our muscles. Contact Susan, at 888-440-1234 for more information.

Men's Health Fair: It is on the schedule this year for Thursday, October 8, 2009, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at both IHS Clinic Buildings. Watch for details on our effort to provide health screening for our male Pokagon Band members.

Walk the Path:Lake Erie: Continues!! We are still encouraging all people to walk the path of wellness. To start your journey, receive a T-Shirt and Pedometer, call the IHS to learn more about it and enroll.

Life's Balance Through Weight Loss: The dietitian would love to start a Wellness through Nutrition Program which could also promote choices and strategies for weight loss. If you are interested in a class to begin one evening a week at the IHS Office, please call and express your opinion/preference with Susan at 782-4141 x 343 for a time, day, and location.

Healthy Tips for Avoiding Colds and the Flu

Are you wondering how best to avoid being sick with a cold or the flu and what preventive action you can take? The American Lung Association reports that most children get six to eight colds a year. Does that sound like you or members of your family?

Preventing every little sniffle or cold may be impossible but you can take preventive steps. Teaching and reminding each other how to avoid cold and flu germs in our community can develop great habits to fight illness all year round.

- Encourage Hand Washing: Washing hand often, especially before eating is the best defense against germs. Sneezing and coughing into your hand into your hand is a common route of infection and then spread when the next person touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth. Wash hands several times a day with soap and water and turn off the faucets with a paper towel. Or try the alcohol-based hand sanitizers as a next best solution.

- Don't Share Food or Drink: While you or kids may be tempted to try a friend's drink or take a bite of his or her lunch, it isn't a good idea. Food, drinks, straws, and utensils are personal items that are not to be shared. Talk about safe way to sample foods, such as pouring liquids into another cup or breaking off a piece of cookie from an area that hasn't bitten into. Model these good habits at home too, such as not dipping into a shared container but do use a spoon to serve with. Make a No Sharing policy for musical instruments or any toys that come in contact with the mouth.

- Tissue Care: Help kids make a habit of using tissue only once before throwing them away, followed by a hand washing. Warn children not to handle other peoples tissues. Do you use hankies? Apply the use it once and wash it rule. Learn to cough or sneeze into the fabric on your shoulder or the crook of your elbow rather than their hands.

- Know the Signs: Running noses, sneezing, and coughing are all signs of colds and flu that adults and kids can learn to look out for. True, a virus can sometimes be passed along before symptoms appear, or left on a handrail, desk top, telephone, or computer keyboard by a sick person you never see. Steer clear of people who are obviously sick.

- Build Immunity: In addition to learning to avoid exposure to cold and flu germs, stay well by making sure your immune system is firing on all cylinders. A healthy lifestyle plays a part, too. Get plenty of rest. Experts recommend 10-12 hours per night for preschoolers, 10 hours per night for children ages 6-9, 9 hours for 10-12 year old, 8-9.5 hours for teenagers, and 6-8 hours for adults. Eat a well balanced diet including foods high in vitamin C and protein. Avoid unnecessary stress. Get regular exercise. If you believe that you are at greater risk, contact the IHS Department for your flu shot and we always have many sample size containers of Hand Sanitizer.

It's a tall order and with practice it is do-able. Whether you are at school, work, church, meetings or at home, prevention is the key and you certainly have the key to help prevent the spread of colds and the flu. Contact the IHS Department at 782-4141 or at 1-888-440-1234 for more information.

PER CAPITA INFORMATION

EnrollmentID	FirstName	MiddleName	LastName
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
2871	Sarah	Elizabeth	Pillow

Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

TRIBAL COURT

NOTICE
SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT

This Notice shall be posted in all of the public offices of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians which includes the Tribal Council Lodge, the Pokagon Band Police Department, the office of General Counsel, the Tribal Courthouse, the Administration Building, the Department of Social Services, the office of the Commodities Building, the office of the Housing Department, the office of the Education Department, the office of Indian Health Services Department, the office of the Enrollment Department, the office of the Information Technology Department, the Pokagon Band South Bend satellite office, Elders Hall and the Pokagon Band Head Start facilities.

START DATE: September 14, 2009
END DATE: October 15, 2009

TITLE: **Chapter 2: "Court Rules of Civil Procedure"**

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this Chapter of Court Rules is to establish the procedures by which actions, suits and proceedings of a civil nature are taken to the Tribal Court, except as otherwise provided under a specific type of action, Tribal law, or other Chapter of Court Rules. These Rules shall be construed and administered to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action.

TRIBAL COURT CONTACT INFO:
Pokagon Band Tribal Courthouse
58620 Sink Road, P.O. Box 355
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone: (269) 783-0505
Fax: (269) 783-0519
E-mail: stephen.rambeaux@pokagon.com

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A COMPLETE COPY OF THE PROPOSED CHAPTER OF POKAGON BAND COURT RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Copies of the proposed Chapter of Court Rules may be obtained by contacting the Pokagon Band Tribal Court Administrator at the above address, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address. A complete copy of the proposed draft will be forwarded promptly for review and comment. Comments must be submitted to the Tribal Court Administrator no later than the "End Date" specified within this Notice. All comments submitted will be considered by the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals prior to adoption of the final rules.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE AND PROPOSED CHAPTER OF COURT RULES IS ALSO POSTED ON THE POKAGON BAND WEBSITE.

Schooling the Next Generation

It's almost the end of another summer break and sadly it's the end of summer school. This year's summer school theme was role models. Every day each classroom spent time focusing on who was their role model and what qualities make a good role model. Students and staff had a great time working hard on their math, reading, Pokagon culture and language through arts, crafts, and games.

In the K-2 room, the kids worked on sight words, how to count money, and telling time. The students also created a puppet show. In the 3-4 classroom, the kids worked on fluency in reading, spelling, and multiplication tables. The excitement doesn't stop there. They also made kites, bouncy balls, and delicious cookies. In the 5-6 classroom, the kids wrote in their journals everyday about different topics. They had time every day to read and work on their multiplication skills. The 5-6 graders also had fun trying to beat the Ultimate Champion Brian in a multiplication game called around the world. To help the 5-6 graders focus on role models, they worked on their wax museum project all month. They interviewed their role model and memorized a small speech about the interview. At the end of summer school, families could push their button and the students had to tell the story of their role model.

The afternoons were busy with a variety of activities. Each week, they made a visit to the Pokagon Band Library to check out books. All the kids had lots of fun playing Lacrosse as Frank Barker taught them the rules and background of the game. During the first week, they planted ivies in flower pots for center pieces at the Graduates' Banquet. The students also worked with Rhonda Shingwauk making blueberry jam, dream catchers, leather paintings, and leather bags. The girls made beautiful dolls with Steve Perry and the boys learned about the fire teachings with John Winchester. Majel DeMarsh taught everyone some basic conversation in Potawatomi and showed them a fun game to play reviewing the numbers.

The Department of Education would like to thank teachers Tammy Newbill, Terra Wilson, and Becky Richhart for all of their preparation and hard work throughout summer school. The Summer Interns, Skylar Herman, Alexis Winchester, Emily Moore, and Samantha Smalley are also in need of thanks for their hard work and willingness to do anything. Amber Collette was an awesome classroom assistant. Lastly, we want to thank Derek Carpenter for making our lunches and the activity/craft leaders for sharing their knowledge of the culture with the children. We thank you for offering your time and talents to teach the young children.

Chi Megwetch,
Brian Gephart, Pokagon Department of Education,
College Intern



Creating leather paintings.



Concentrating to score a goal in lacrosse.



Weaving a dream catcher.



Working together to get the plant in the pot.



Trying hard to make sure you can keep the ball.



Making dolls with Steve Perry.

Stop by Your Library!

We have a great selection of books in your Pokagon Band Library in the Department of Education building, beginning with the very youngest through the most accomplished reader and the path in between! The books in the photograph come from a collection of leveled readers that work wonderfully well with children. The series, published by Oyata, brings day-to-day life into the young reader's life in such an easy and relatable way with delightful images, sensitive writing, and a basis in Native American life. Sharing these is certainly a great way to enrich some time with your young ones.

Or, pick up a novel, historical account, cultural writing, or biography. We have a broad selection and we are growing! Come visit us between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Field Trip
Field Museum of Chicago

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Department of Education is planning a Field Trip to Chicago to visit the Field Museum.

The field trip is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th, 2009.

Admission into the Field Museum, transportation, and lunch will be provided.

All children will need to be accompanied by adults.

Space limited. If needed, selections will be based on random drawing. Applications must be received by Monday, September 14th. To receive an application or for more information, please contact Jessica Cornelius @ the Department of Education.

269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234

Department of Education Summer Enrichment Reminder

The 2009 Pokagon Summer Enrichment program still has limited funds available. If you are entering 7th through 12th grades this fall and participated in a Summer Enrichment program, you might qualify for reimbursement. Also, if you are already enrolled in the Pokagon Enrichment program, please remember that reimbursement for travel could be available for you. For more information, please contact Jessica Cornelius @ the Department of Education,

269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234

Backpacks and school supplies are here!

Backpacks and school supplies are available at the Department of Education office Monday through Friday, 9 AM-5 PM.

Backpacks will be available before and during the Pow Wow at the Department of Education Office in Dowagiac.

Friday, September 4th from 9 AM-5 PM

Saturday, September 5th from 11 AM-6 PM

Sunday, September 6th from Noon-4 PM

Office is close on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th

If you would like to pick up your backpack and school supplies from the Mishawaka Office, please call the Department of Education to schedule a time.

Backpacks and school supplies are available for:
All Pokagon Band Members in grades Pre-K through 12

All Native American students from federally recognized tribes attending public school in the 10-County Service Area.

All Native American students from state recognized tribes attending specific school districts in the 10-County Service Area.

In order to receive backpacks, school supplies, and other services, parents of eligible students must complete the "2009-2010 Application for Pre K-12 Services" form. This form must be signed by the legal parent/guardian. A photocopy of the child's tribal identification card must also be enclosed. Please note that if anyone besides the legal parent/guardian is planning to pick up a backpack, that person MUST bring the application form signed by the legal parent/guardian along with a copy of the student's tribal identification card.

Please note: The deadline to receive back packs is November 25th, 2009.

2009/2010 School Supply Reimbursement Info.

If you are interested in receiving $50 in school supply reimbursement, please contact the Department of Education for more information and to attain the proper forms. @ 1-269-782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234

If you have any additional questions, please contact Jessica Cornelius @ the Department of Education (888) 330-1234 (toll-free) or (269) 782-0887.

Tutors Wanted!

Are you looking for a way to help others – and earn some money?

If so, this experience may be just what you are seeking! We have learners, Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade, and GED Candidates, ready for tutors. A variety of hours are available. This can be a year-round opportunity!

We pay $15/hour for tutors with some college and $20/hour for those with Teacher Certification.

Please contact the
Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indians
Department of Education
269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Reminder about the Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship

Completed scholarship applications must be turned into the Pokagon Department of Education before the end of the semester for which you are requesting a scholarship.

Please contact the Department of Education to inquire the status of your scholarship.

Pokagon Band Department of Education Academic Enrichment Labs

Dowagiac K-5th Enrichment Lab
Mondays, 4:00 – 5:15 pm
Pokagon Band Head Start
Transportation is provided from Dowagiac Elementary schools

Dowagiac 6th-12th Grades Enrichment Lab
Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Pokagon Band Department of Education
Transportation is provided from the Dowagiac Middle and High Schools

Hartford Enrichment Lab
Wednesdays, 3:15 – 4:15 pm
Woodside Elementary, Hartford
Transportation will be provided from Red Arrow Elementary

Notre Dame Enrichment Lab
To Be Announced Soon for 5th-12th Grades

If you are interested in enrolling, please call (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 and ask for Penny, Becky, or Kateri.

Higher Education Programs Updates

New Scholarship Format starting for the Fall 2009 Semester
Starting with the Fall semester, the Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship will have the following payment process:
Eligible Students (based on unmet need) will receive the following assistance:

Students attaining an Associates Degree	$100 per credit/hour
Students attending a four year college	$200 per credit/hour
Students attending grad school	$300 per credit / hour

Also, starting with the Fall semester, eligible students will be able to receive the following assistance in a book stipend

Students attending a community college Or four year college	$50 per class
Students attending a four year college	$50 per class
Students attending grad school	$100 per class

New Higher Education Assistance Now Available
The following financial assistance is now available for Pokagon Tribal members:
-Payment for Grad School Application Fees (up to $100)
-Payment for Graduate Testing Fees (Up to $250)
-Financial support for major related conferences, workshops, trainings, and internships (Up to $500)
-Financial support for high school seniors who are dually enrolled in high school and college (Up to $400 per semester)

For more information on the above programs, please contact Joseph Avance, the Higher Education Specialist at 1-888-330-1234 or @ joseph.avance@pokagon.com Please also check out the Department of Education section of the Pokagon Band website @www.pokagon.com Forms for the programs are available at the Pokagon website.

Would you like to receive a weekly electronic newsletter with info about scholarships, internships, and other higher education opportunities? If so, please e-mail Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist by e-mail: joseph.avance@pokagon.com

WIA News

BOOZHOO SYIP Employees, Department Supervisors and helpers!

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Summer Youth Internship Programs successful! A special thanks of appreciation to the departments and their supervisors for taking time to work with the summer youth employees. Your support helps to provide the opportunity for the summer youth to grow and learn both culturally and professionally and helps the program grow.

To all the summer youth internship program employees, you did a good job! Keep up the good work. Remember, the experiences and job skills you learned are good resources for your future goals and plans. If you need help with your resume, please give me a call at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 782-0887.

MEGWETCH!
Traci Henslee, Employment and Training (SYIP Supervisor)

Are you a Native American tribal cardholder living in our 10-county service area? 18 years old or older and low-income? Who needs extra assistance with tuition and/or mileage for classroom training at a college or university? Need to complete your GED?

Are you a Pokagon Band member who wants to continue your education by completing your GED?

If so, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 for further information, to discuss the eligibility requirements for the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) program or the Adult Education program.

To all those who are Native American tribal cardholders living in the 10-county service area, 18 years old or older and low-income, who would like assistance with Resume writing, interview tips, work experience, On-The-Job Training, and support services. Please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 for further information and details.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Wénije/Who

Family Terms

Nin ~ Me or I
Gin ~ You
Win ~ Him or Her
Nijanes ~ My child
Ngwes ~ My son
Ndanes ~ My daughter
Gijanes ~ Your child
GGwes ~ Your son
Gdanes ~ Your daughter
Nos ~ My father
Ngyé ~ My mother
Nikan ~ Friend/Brother
Ntawes ~ Cousin
Nshimé ~ Younger sibling

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Dowagiac Education on Sept 3rd and 17th.

South Bend office classes are on Sept 10th and 24th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Catch a ride at Education. Van leaves at 5:30 p.m., please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on every Monday at 11:00 a.m.

Traditional Healer

September 23rd-26th, 2009

Appointments in half hour increments from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on September 23rd through the 25th.

Saturday, September 26th, there will be a Healing Lodge starting at 8:00 a.m.

If you would like to make an appointment please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Drum Teachings

This is for youth interested in learning how to sing and drum. If you are interested, contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Senior Banquet

Written by: Becky Accoe and Laurel Bieschke, Education Associates

The Pokagon Band Senior Graduation Ceremony took place on July 10, 2009. It was held at Southwestern Michigan College in the banquet room at the library. High school seniors were encouraged to bring photographs and awards of their accomplishments to display. The night consisted of a surprise quiz over matching native figures to their accomplishments, catered dinner, and a power point slide presentation listing the senior's accomplishments and future plans. All high school seniors that were present received a special tote filled with supplies to get them through their first few college years. To close the evening Jimmy Wesaw and Scott Liggett sang a Victory Song with their hand drums. Most graduating high school Pokagon members will be pursuing a two to four year degree from a college or university and some will even be attending a trade school. If you see these students out-and-about be sure to congratulate them. All of them have worked really hard to get where they are. Below you will find information on the graduating seniors. Congratulations to all and good luck with all you do.



We are pleased to recognize Derek Carpenter for graduating with high honors from Dowagiac Union High School. Derek's proud parents are Mark and Dorrena Carpenter, of Dowagiac, MI. Derek finished number 18 in a class of 144 students, and received a High Academic Achievement Award and National Career Readiness Certificate. He will be attending Southwestern Michigan College to obtain his Associates Degree in Science, Education and History, after which he plans to transfer to Western Michigan University to complete his Bachelors Degree in Secondary Education with a focus on Biology and Chemistry. Congratulations, Derek!



Congratulations to Seth Davis, for graduating from Niles High School. Seth plans to definitely pursue a higher education in the near future. We are so proud of you, Seth!

We are pleased to recognize Jarred Winchester, of Coldwater, MI, for graduating from Coldwater High School. Jarred will be pursuing pre-law in college. He is a traditional dancer and urges his fellow graduates to "stay traditional." Weye i, Jarred!

Best wishes to James Wilbur, upon his graduation from St. Joseph High School. James currently plays lead guitar in "Soulution," a band from The Road to Life Church, which will be releasing their first CD in October. He will be attending Lake Michigan College before transferring to Western Michigan University to pursue degrees in Business and Music. We are so proud of you, James!



Please join us in congratulating Elizabeth Randolph, of Elkhart, IN for graduating from Elkhart Central High. She is the loving daughter of Tonia and Howard Randolph. Elizabeth is looking forward to starting at Indiana University South Bend this fall, where she is enrolled in their four year program. We are so proud of you, Elizabeth!



Congratulations to Jenna Huffman, for graduating from Dowagiac Union High School. Jenna has also served as the Pokagon Youth Council Chair. In the fall, Jenna plans on attending KVCC to study Communications with a double minor in Marketing and Broadcast Journalism. After a year at KVCC she would like to attend either Bowling Green or Syracuse University. Jenna is also currently interning at Four Winds Casino. We are so proud of you, Jenna!

We are pleased to recognize Tyler Dodson, of Dowagiac, MI, for graduating from Dowagiac Union High School. Tyler will be attending Southwestern Michigan College in the fall, and has also been job training with the Pokagon Band. We are so proud of you, Tyler!



Best wishes to Amber Collett, of Dowagiac, MI. Amber graduated from Dowagiac Union High and completed her final Summer Youth Internship with the Department of Education. In the fall she will be starting classes at Southwestern Michigan College, and she wishes to become a Head Start teacher in the future. Weye i, Amber!



Best wishes to Natalie Stauffer, daughter of Julie (Overton) Dye and Marty Dye. Natalie graduated from Teays Valley High School and achieved the 2009 Store Board of Education Award of Merit, Teays Valley High School Academic Excellence Award, and the Patrick S. Gilmore Band Directors Award for Leadership. She is currently employed at Cracker Barrel Restaurant and has done volunteer work for Rebuilding America and the Native American Indiana Center of Central Ohio. In fall Natalie will begin a Pre-Med program at the University of Cincinnati, where she also plans to major in Spanish. Congratulations, Natalie!



Best wishes to Ashley Martin, of Union Pier, MI, for graduating from Volinia Outcome School. Ashley is currently enrolled at The University of Phoenix Online, and plans to obtain a degree in Business. Eventually, she would like to start her own business in the fashion or beauty industries. Congratulations, Ashley!



We are pleased to recognize Amber Pierce, of Niles, MI for graduating from Niles High School. Amber received an Academic Achievement Award in Marketing and plans to go to college for veterinary school. After college she plans to open her own business. We are so proud of you, Amber!



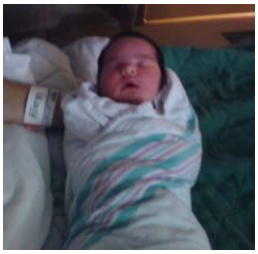
Please join us in congratulating Ann Tracy Puruleski, daughter of Ronald Puruleski and Roberta Hesselink, for graduating from Cadillac Senior High School. Ann Tracy also received a Citizenship Award for CAPS for her community involvement and volunteering. She will be attending college at Ferris State University, where she will study Pre-Dentistry in their Honors Program. Weye i, Ann Tracy!



Congratulations to Crystal Morseau, who just graduated from Volinia Outcome School, where she was on the honor roll. Crystal plans to attend Southwestern Michigan College in the fall. Best of luck, Crystal!

Please join us in congratulating Greg Nelson, of Dowagiac, MI, for graduating from Dowagiac Union High School. Greg is enrolled at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is currently an intern at Four Winds Casino. Weye, i, Greg!

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to parents:
Madalene, and Sterling Big Bear,
And Brothers and sister:
Jordan, Broderick, Kendall, Kywin,
Maxim and Prettyrock !
Bless you and the precious gift the Creator has given you!
The Manley/Rodriguez/Newcomer Family would like to welcome Madalene CallsHim Big Bear into this world!

Love, Aunt Marie, Uncle Tony,
Aunt Melissa,
Michael, Richard, and Tori



Congratulations
Angel for your baby girl. Born 6-28-09.
5lbs. 13oz. Aiyana
Marie

From Cleora

Morseau

Baby mixup: The Newsletter staff would like to apologize for the baby mixup last month in the announcments section. Here are the corrected announcements.



Happy Birthday, Vonnie!
Love, Mom



Happy 60th Birthday
Christine Brown
From your sister, Monica and brother-in-law Henry



Happy Birthday, Vonnie Brown
From Aunt Monica
and Uncle Henry



Fred,
Roses are red, violets are blue. We've been married for 4 years... lucky you!

Love always, your wife,
Pork

Happy Birthday!!!
Aunt Marie Cundet-9/13
Ashley Cundet-9/22
Love, Kathy

Happy eleventh Birthday to our Grandson Jacob. Hope you have a wonderful day, congratulation on becoming baseball champs. Hope to see you soon.

We love you , Papa Ron And Grandma

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Kayley May Gillette – 9/1
We love you,
Grandma Eva & all of the rest of us

Happy Birthday to our Grandson Daniel. Hope you have a great day.

Love Papa Ron and Grandma

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Marie Cuendet – 9/13
We hope you enjoy your special day,
Eva and family

Happy Birthday to our Son-in-Law Ryan. Hope you have a great day.

We love you. Dad and Mom McKinney

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Ashley Cuendet – 9/22
We hope you have a wonderful day,
Eva and family

Happy belated seventeenth birthday to our Grandson Dylan . Hope you had a wonderful day.

We love you and are so proud of you.
Papa and Grandma McKinney

Happy Belated Birthday to Mike Winchester
July 31st
We Love You,
Uncle Dwight and Aunt Trudy



Happy Birthday
Konnie Birks
Love, Mom and Dad

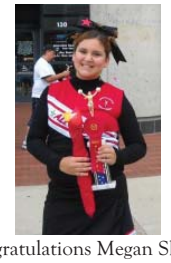
Happy Birthday Kayley Gillette on September 1st.
Lisa and Family

Happy Birthday!!!
Lisa Johnson-9/30
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Aunt Sandra Wallin-9/20
Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday!!!
Mike Goodson-9/6
I Love You, Kathy

Happy Birthday!!!
Kayley Gillette-9/1
Love, Kathy



Congratulations Megan Shepard!! Meg went to Nationals for her Cheerleading Competition and Brought home 2nd place. We are So very proud of you for doing an awesome job!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Andrew, & Aunt Tina

Shata A Topash, Belated Happy 19th Birthday. We love and miss you.

Love Dad, Trisha, Jacob, Kyle, Brock, Nisajwen and Nanokas Topash.

Chkuhmoen M. Topash, Happy 17th Birthday Sept 9th.
Mno-Kah J. Topash, Happy 13th Birthday Sept. 9th. We love and miss you.

Love Dad, Trisha, Jacob, Kyle, Brock, Nisajwen, & Nanokas Topash.

Happy Birthday to my babies! Jasmine, age 5 on Sept 4th and Josiah, age 4 on Sept. 16.

Love, Mommy and Daddy

Happy Birthday to:
Christopher Diamond Jr.- Sept. 21
and Congratulations to you and Nikki on the Birth of your Son: Julian Diamond born on
May 6th, 2009.
We love you all,
Uncle Dwight and Aunt Trudy

Happy Belated Birthday to:
Michael Nelson- Aug. 19th
We Love You,
Uncle Dwight and Aunt Trudy

Happy Belated Birthday to:
Anthony Nelson- June 30th.
Good Luck with Football (Varsity) this year.
We Love You,
Uncle Dwight and Aunt Trudy

Gregory Nelson Sept. 13th and Congratulations on Graduating With Honors from High School in June. Good Luck in College and Stay the Course,
Love You Much,
Uncle Dwight and Aunt Trudy

Happy 1st Birthday Sept. 18th to David Caryle Shepard III, son of Shannon Myers and David Shepard. We love you!

Love Mom and Dad.

Happy Birthday Torie Winchester
Sept. 27th
We love you Punkin,
Uncle Dwight and Aunt Trudy

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you have 100 people who live together, and if each one cares for the rest, there is one mind. The tribe or family works because when one member is down, the others can pick him or her up. What we have, including our wealth, is to be shared.

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

From the family of Rosmary "Goldie" Mangus.



On Sept. 7 our little Angel will be turning two. Happy Birthday Nonokas Wishpabish Gracie Topash. We love you!

Love Mom, Dad, Jacob, Kyle, and Brock Topash.



Cory Ridenour, is 17 years old and going into his senior year. He has exceptional grades and participated in: 4 years of football and received a leadership award from his team, 3 years of track and field, Treasurer of the executive board, Member of The Renaissance Council, Has three years of mentoring for the Ignite program, NAHA Member(National Art Honor Society), Three years of "stat man" for men's and woman's basketball and a member of Red Ballers (male athletes compete academically for a chance to win a trip each marking period), Cory has won 3 trips. Cory will be dual enrolled his senior year at Loy Norrix and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Cory aspires to obtain a Masters Degree at Michigan State University. Cory also traveled to Peru this summer with the Loy Norrix travel team.

We are very proud of you from your family. We know you will achieve anything you aspire to accomplish! We Love You! Mom, Buddha, Haley and Grandma



Pvt. Khett Stevenson of the US Army, son of the late Randy Stevenson and Kim Wesaw, graduated basic training July 2, 2009 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. It is with extreme pride I write this. The very day of arriving for basic training, Khett was unexpectedly called back hom. His father had passed away. Upon returning back to Fort Jackson, Khett completed his training and was also awarded a medal for expert sharpshooter. He is a remarkably strong and outstanding soldier who has truly engrained the seven core Army values. Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. Pvt. Stevenson is currently is currently now in AIT. He is part of the 554th Engineering battalion at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri. He is proud to be Pokagon and to be serving the US Army. We, his family, are so very proud of the man he has become and are anxiously awaiting for his next graduation, Sept. 17th. I also want to say Congratulations to Jason Wesaw on his promotion. Thank you both for serving our country. We love you very much!

Mom, Cameron, Trevor, and Jessica.

Happy Anniversary Ralph and Erma Wilson on Sept. 27

Happy Birthday to the following:

Lisa Victoria Abundes – Sept. 1
Christina Willis – Sept. 18
Sandy Lopez – Sept. 18
Adam Goodrich – Sept. 21
Candace Wilson- Sept. 24
Lonny Carpenter – Sept. 25
Ellen Michael Swisher- Sept. 29
Laura Duddy-Sept. 25

From Dorothy Burgh



Happy Grandparents Day to the world's greatest granddad:
Henry Grubb
Love, All the grandchildren

Happy Birthday to my Grandbabies! Jasmine, age 5 on Sept 4th and Josiah, age 4 on Sept. 16.

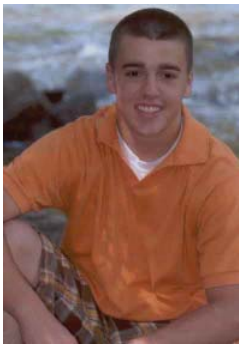
Love Grandma Kim, Uncle Kirby, Uncle Corey, and Ksenia



Happy Grandparents Day to Monica D. Grubb
Love your grandkids.

Happy Grandparents Day to the greatest grandmother, great grandmother & great great grandmother, Mrs. Jeanette Brown. From all of your family.





Michael Klemm graduated from Madisan High School in Adrian MI. His parents are Kevin and Lisa Klemm. Proud grandparents are Kevin and Lisa Klemm. We are extremely proud of you for all of your activities in school and sports, also on being chosen as Outstanding Male Athelete. Best of luck to you in Australia competeing against atheletes around the world.

Love ya, Mimi and Pa Pa



Happy 1st Birthday Nickolas Starrett

Love, Daddy, Mommy, Ethan, Claire, Jackie Sue, and family.

As a member of Michigan Indian Elders Association I would like to proudly congratulate two Pokagan students who entered the Scholarship Awards program and won. The winner of the $1000 award is Alys Alley. The winner of one of the $500 awards is Derek Carpenter. We are so proud that our Pokagon students won this year. I wish we could get more of our students to participate. We offer scholarships each spring to the college bound and also Incentive Awards to the K thru 12 grades for perfect attendance and or straight A's. Students be ready to enter next year. We are proud of all of our students. Congratulations again to our winners.
Bonnie Parrish
MIEA Secretary

Bozhoo:

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who participated and voted in this year's Tribal Election. I particularly wan to thank all of you who honored me with your vote to represent you on Tribal Council. I promise you as I have stated many times in the past that I will always put you, the Tribal Members, first.

Again – Wawanna
Alice Elaine Overly



From left to right are: Alice Overly, Faye Wesaw, Matthew Wesaw, Butch Starrett and Lynn Davidson.

At the August 15th Tribal Council Meeting the newly elected Tribal Council members were given the "Oath of Office" and were seated to begin performing their duties;

Matthew Wesaw – Tribal Chairman
Ervin (Butch) Starrett – Vice-Chairperson
Edna (Faye) Wesaw – Tribal Council Secretary
Alice Overly – Member -at-Large
Lynn Davidson – Elder's Representative

Tribal Council would like to welcome the new members of Tribal Council and wish them well.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Tribal Council E-Mail Directory

Office Phone: 1-888-376-9988

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Linn Davidson Linn.Davidson@pokagon.com 269-240-8092	Kelly Curran Kelly.Curran@pokagon.com 269-782-8998

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Health Services / Behavioral Health
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Resource Development/ Environmental
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(269) 782-9602 Phone
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FAX (269) 782-1028

Enrollment
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-1763 /
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Commodities
(269) 782-3372 /
Toll Free (888) 281-1111
FAX (269)782-7814

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(269) 783-0026/
(866)-250-6573
FAX (269) 782-9795

South Bend Area Office
310 W. Mc Kinley Ave. Suite 300
Mishawaka, IN. 46545
(574)-255-2368 /
Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 255-2974

Housing Department
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(269) 783-0443 /
Toll Free (877) 983-0385
FAX (269) 783-0452

Tribal Court
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505 /
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Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232 /
Toll Free (866-399-0161)
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Election
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9475 /
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Human Resources / Compliance
57365 M-51 South
(269) 782-8163 - Human Resources
(269) 782-5198 - Compliance
Toll free- (Coming Soon)

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

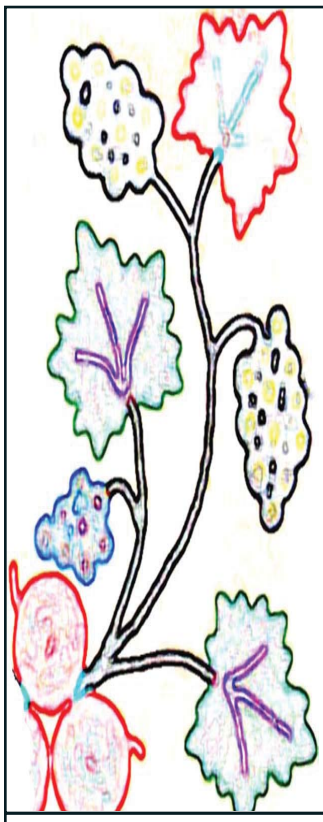
This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
October 2009



Mezodanek Gishek

" A Day for Family"

October 9-11, 2009
Rodgers Lake Campgrounds

Featuring cultural teachings and language immersion activities for the whole family!
Camping available for participants.
Meals will be provided.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 7, 2009 with
Tom Topash at (269) 470-3745 or
Matt Morsaw at (269) 782-0887.

For more information, please contact
Micky Magnuson at (269) 591-5616.

Brought to you by the
Pokagon Promise Committee and
the Education Department

Schedule

Friday, October 9th

5:30 PM	Opening Ceremony
6:30 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Language Activity

Saturday, October 10th

7:00 AM	Sunrise Ceremony
8:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Language Activity
Noon	Lunch
2:00 PM	Women's /Men's Teachings
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Language Activity
9:00 PM	Closing

Sunday, October 11th

7:00 AM	Sunrise Ceremony
8:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Depart

Message from the Pow-wow Committee

Boozhoo Tribal Citizens!

The Pow-wow Committee is happy to report our 24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-Wow was once again held over Labor Day weekend on our beautiful property at Rodgers Lake. The event was a huge success with 10 drums in attendance, 200 dancers, 40 vendors, and an estimated 5,000 visitors! Official events were held throughout the weekend, starting with Sam Bush lighting the ishkode (sacred fire) Thursday afternoon. Friday morning a group of Pokagon women, veterans, and community members participated in the Second Annual Water Walk. The Water Walkers, led by Majel DeMarsh, started at Gage Street property with a sunrise ceremony, then prayed, sang, laughed, and walked their way 10 miles to Rodgers Lake by mid-afternoon. Friday afternoon the committee asked respected elder Clarence White to bless the pow-wow grounds and brand new drum arbor. As evening rolled around, the Pokagon Education Department hosted a number of cultural activities for families camping. Activities included copper bowl making and a drum social. Young people in particular found the extra activities enjoyable. By Saturday afternoon, the Pokagon community was ready to pow-wow!

First grand entry started Saturday afternoon with a beautiful song by host drum Midnight Express and an official welcome by Chairman Matt Wesaw. The pow-wow continued through Sunday evening. Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa was fortunate to have many special guests in attendance including Miss Potawatomi Elaine Frank, Four Winds Casino and Resort staff, and actress Irene Bedard! Irene Bedard is best known as the voice of Pocahontas in the Disney animated film.

At this time the Pow-Wow Committee would like to say chi-miigwetch to all 70 volunteers that helped throughout the weekend. Many volunteers donated four or more hours of their time. A handful of volunteers even donated their entire weekend in helping the committee! Our volunteers are one of the most important elements in the pow-wow being such a huge success! The Committee would also like to express appreciation to:

- Tribal Council for their financial support
- All demonstrators who facilitated cultural activities during the weekend including John Pigeon, Ed Pigeon, Renee Dillard, Ben Secunda, Carla Collins-Sprague, Steve Perry, Todd Parker, Vince Yazel, and Larry Plamondon.
- Charles Baker for creating another popular t-shirt design,
- Tribal Maintenance crew for prepping and maintaining our beautiful pow-wow grounds,
- Pokagon Band Police for providing security throughout the weekend and keeping our families and visitors safe,
- Pokagon Band IHS for providing first aid services and water for pow-wow participants,
- Roger Rader for creating attractive programs,
- And to all pow-wow committee members from years past, for checking on us and offering suggestions on how to improve the event in the future.

Coordinating the 2009 Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-Wow for our community was both an honor and privilege. The Committee will take a few weeks to finish recuperating, but by winter, we will be back planning for next year! The Committee is already terribly excited for next summer. The 25th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-wow will be the best event yet!

Baamaapii Kawabmin!

Micky Magnuson	Andy Jackson	Julie Farver
Julie Hartman	Valerie Janowski	Kevin Daugherty
Teresa Magnuson	John Morseau	Mike Jackson
Kelly Curran	Alycia Atkinson	John T. Warren
Susan Larsen		

Complete list of Pow Wow Dance Contest Winners on Announcements page.
Pow Wow Pictures will be featured in upcoming issue of the Newsletter.

Attention Tribal Citizens

Tribal Council has authorized the implementation of a new Pokagon Band government presence on the Interent. The new presence will be located at **WWW.POKAGONBAND-NSN.GOV**. Website and e-mail addresses of the Band have officially changed to the new **@PokagonBand-NSN.Gov** domain. If you have any trouble making contact by e-mail with any of our departments or government entitites, please feel free to contact the Department of Information Technology at 1-800-517-0777 or (269) 782-8998.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Veterans Committee has scheduled monthly meetings to be held on the 1st Thursday of every month at 1:30PM at Elders Hall.

For more information, contact Butch Starrett @ 269-591-2601

Human Resources and Compliance
have moved to the
Administrative Health Building located at
57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI.
This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

The deadline for membership submissions for the November newsletter will be **October14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon-nsn.gov

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

We are now accepting credit cards!

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday –1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

October 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light Beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onions served with sandwiches. Bread / Rolls and butter are also included.			1 Business Stuffed Peppers Alfredo Noodles Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots Fruit Salad Cake / Garlic Bread	2 Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef Sub Baked Beans Relish Tray Cottage Cheese Pineapple
5 Driveway will be getting paved. CLOSED.	6 Driveway will be getting paved. CLOSED.	7 Driveway will be getting paved. CLOSED.	8 Driveway will be getting paved. CLOSED.	9 Driveway will be getting paved. CLOSED.
12 Language Buffalo Stew Garden Salad Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Cornbread / Sherbet / Melon Slice	13 Chicken Soup W/ Dumplings Roast Beef Sandwich Spinach Salad Fresh Fruit	14 Tator Tot Casserole W/ G. Beef Corn On the Cob Coleslaw / Sliced Tomatoes Cottage Cheese W/ Pears / Roll	15 Social Salmon Patties Baked Potato Cauliflower, Broccoli, & Carrots Veggie Tray / Peaches / Roll	16 **Closed Vacation**
19 Language BBQ Pork Chops Au Gratin Potatoes Asparagus Tossed Salad Fruit / Roll	20 Cold Tuna and Pea Salad Baked Beans Veggie Tray Tomato Salad Berry Mix/ Roll	21 Spanish Rice W/ Sausage Brussels Sprouts Cucumber Salad Yogurt W/ Fruit Roll	22 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Tossed Salad Fortune Cookie / Fruit /Roll	23 Veggie OR Meat Pizza Day Tossed Salad Fruit Salad
26 Language Ham W/ Pineapple Sweet Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Fruit Roll	27 Buffalo Meatballs and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Fruit Cocktail / Roll	28 Turkey Goulash Collard Greens Cottage Cheese Sliced Tomatoes Waldorf Salad / Garlic Bread	29 Beer Battered Cod Oven Baked Fries Coleslaw Three Bean Salad Fruit / Roll	30 Lumberjack Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Spinach Salad Fruit Salad

EVENT CALENDAR FOR ELDERS COUNCIL ELECTION

November 14, 2009

Post and Distribute the Election Notice	September 4, 2009
Deadline to file candidate declarations	September 25, 2009 at 4:30 P.M
Deadline to file Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background	September 25, 2009 at 4:30 P.M
Post and Distribute to Declarants the Uncertified Candidates List	October 2, 2009 at 8 P.M
Deadline to file a challenge to a Declarant eligibility determination *(not later than three (3) business days from the date the Uncertified Candidates List is posted)*	October 6, 2009 at 4:30 P.M.
Deadline to file a request for an absentee ballot	October 15, 2009
Deadline to Register to Vote	October 15, 2009 at 4:30 P.M
Certify the List of Candidates and Post the List	October 15, 2009 at 8 P.M
Certify the Registry of Voters	October 20, 2009
Deadline to file a Candidate Statement	October 20, 2009 at 3:00 P.M
Distribute Candidate Statement to registered voters	October 23, 2009
Distribute absentee ballots to voters that filed a timely request	October 30, 2009
Deadline for Election Board to receive absentee ballots	November 13, 2009 at 4:30 P.M.
Election Held at Tribal Elders Hall *Ballot count / Uncertified Election Results Posted*	November 14, 2009 at 9 A.M.–6 P.M
Deadline to file ballot recount request with the Election Board	November 17, 2009
Deadline to file an election challenge with the Tribal Court *(3 Business days following day of election)*	November 18, 2009
Deadline to complete ballot recount (If one is requested) *(within 3 days of receiving ballot recount request)*	November 18-20, 2009

The Tribal Court shall endeavor to render a final decision on an election challenge(s) one business day after the hearing on the election challenge. The Election Board will certify and post election results 1 day after responding to all challenges.

For questions or more information, contact the Election Office @ 269-782-9475

Contract Health Services Update

Effective May 1, 2009 Contract Health Services will no longer reimburse members that pay, up front, for prescriptions or for prescription co-pays, unless you have an emergency that pertains to life and death situations. Remember when visiting the emergency room, you can requests enough medication, from them, to last you till Contract Health Services opens. With this action, members will no longer have out of pocket expense for approved medications. Please, eligible members may contact your CHS Processor to request a prescription voucher.

We have several pharmacies that will accept our voucher for payment for medications. Pharmacies in Indiana and Michigan that accept our vouchers are listed below. You may contact the Contract Services for addresses and phone numbers.

Meijer Pharmacies 14 locations
Family Fare Dowagiac
Pamida Syracuse
Bio Plus Rx
Dorr Pharmacy
Main Street Pharmacy Watervliet
Paw Paw Village Pharmacy
Swanstra's Pharmacy Bangor
Walgreen's Niles
Wayland Pharmacy
L'Anse Pharmacy
Rite Aid Pharmacies 10 locations
Pamida Dowagiac
Value Drug Allegan
Day's Rx
Macdonald Pharmacy South Haven
New Buffalo Pharmacy
Saugatuck Pharmacy
Van's Pharmacy St Joseph
Walgreen's Elkhart
Westside Pharmacy Kalamazoo

Remember Contract Health Services is not an entitlement program or insurance. To access Contract Health Services, eligible tribal members must notify the Pokagon Band Health Department three days in advance of any non-emergency appointment including pharmacy refills, and must call in emergency visits within three days after encounter.
Please be watching for future notifications and updates on possible changes that may effect your Contract Health Service coverage.

If you go to the Emergency Room or an Urgent Care Facility after hours or over the weekend, please call 782-4141 ext 234 leave your information. This extension will be checked periodically over the weekend and your call will be returned.

For more information or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Lois Wesaw CHS Coordinator at 269-782-4141, or 1-888-440-1234, Ext 234.

New Schedule for Pokagon Optical Services

Effective November 1, 2009, I will be available for Optical services at 57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, Mi, on Wednesdays, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM, and every Friday 8:00 AM-11:00AM. I will be available for our Indiana Pokagon Citizens every Friday 1:00 PM-4:00 PM. Please try to call and make appointment in advance for these times available to ensure efficient service. If this time is not within your schedule, please call me and I will set appointment to try to meet your schedule. If I am not in my office please leave a message and I will contact you. As a Community Health Representative, I am out of the office on home visits. Hopefully this schedule will assure that we can meet your optical needs. If you have any questions or concerns please phone me at (269) 782-4141, or 1-888-440-1234, ext. 241.

Thank you:
Steve Lowe, CHR/ Optical dispenser
Pokagon Band Health Services

SOCIAL SERVICES

AN ERNEST APPEAL FROM THE POKAGON BAND FAMILY WELFARE COMMISSION

Our Traditions tells us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children, as they have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders, as they are facing the Western Direction on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again. As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility "to provide for the welfare, care and protection of the children...." per our Child Protection Code and that "The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band" per our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance. There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term "foster parents." In this day and age, we as Native people have had to adapt and the use of this term is now needed for the reason that sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Therein, is the purpose of this article which comes with two questions:

Do you have in your spirit and a place in your home for a child who needs a temporary family?

Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Social Services Director, or Kathleen McKee, Indian Child Welfare Social Worker.

Backpacks – Duffle Bags – Messenger Bags – All Stuffed!!!

Following a wonderful tradition, we are continuing the distribution of Back Packs, Duffle Bags, and Messenger Bags containing school supplies. The sturdy bags, themselves, are a beautiful blue with the Pokagon Band insignia silk screened on the front. We have handed out over 500 and we are not done!!

Distribution of the bags and supplies will continue until November 25, 2009. Registering for the service can happen in the Department of Education building from 9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday. For Indiana citizens, please call the Department of Education (269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234) with your preference of bag. We will bring them to the Mishawaka office for pickup. For those of you out of the Ten County Service Area, call and we can make arrangements to get them to you.

Awards Banquet

The Senior Awards Banquet and the Awards Day for the rest of the students may be in the summer, but the work toward them starts on the first day of school. These occasions are more than a fun time with a nice feast and certificates – it is about acknowledging the growth and strength of our students. It is an opportunity to reinforce that what they do, does matter and does get noticed. The students are honored in these categories: High School Graduation, GED Recipients, Outstanding Attendance (absent five days or less during the year), Perfect Attendance, Excellent Academic Performance (all A's for the entire school year), Improvement in Core Areas, Honor Roll, and Sports / Extra Curricular Activities. Our students have a lot to be proud of, and working well in school supports that pride. If we can help anyone in reaching one of the goals honored in the Awards Banquet, please contact us. We are looking forward to highlighting many accomplishments in the summer.

Tutoring Available

We are currently establishing our fall tutoring schedule. You still have time to request help for your child, K-12th grades. We are also open to "temporary tutoring" when students need help getting ready for a test or assistance with a major project, depending upon our availability. Questions are always welcomed at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234. Ask for Penny Brant or e-mail to: penny.brant@pokagon-nsn.gov

Tutors Wanted!

Are you looking for a way to help others – and earn some money? If so, this experience may be just what you are seeking!

We have learners, Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade, and GED Candidates, ready for tutors. A variety of hours are available. This can be a year-round opportunity! We pay $15/hour for tutors with some college and $20/hour for those with Teacher Certification.

Please contact the Department of Education
269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Reimbursements

What a wonderful word. School Supply Reimbursements are available through the Department of Education. Any of us can drop the form in the mail – just call. This gift of $50 from the Tribe covers supplies mandated by your child's school. Save the original receipts to send in with the easy-to-fill-out form. The form also lays out specifically what is and is not covered in this program.

Enrichment Labs

The Enrichment Labs will be in full swing starting Wednesday, September 23rd. Dowagiac's Lab for 6th-12th Grades and Hartford's Lab begin that day. Dowagiac students will be picked up at the Middle and High Schools and delivered to the Department of Education for the Lab which lasts until 4:30 pm. Hartford's Lab will take place at Woodside Elementary. We will pick up the students from Red Arrow Elementary and take them to Woodside until 4:15 pm. On Monday, September 28th, our Education Associates will pick up the Kindergarten through 5th Grade Dowagiac students and take them to the Pokagon Band Head Start for the Lab from 4 – 5:15 pm.

This is a chance for us to help with homework and work on good study habits also reinforces cultural understanding and gives the students time to spend together. Please call the Department of Education and ask for Penny, Kat, or Becky to register your students.

Calling All Summer Enrichment Stories

If you had a Summer Enrichment experience this year, please make sure to send your essay in telling us about the time you had, the great things you did, and how it has enriched your life. We are waiting to hear.

GED Assistance

Are you Native American tribal cardholder living in our 10-county service area, 18 years old or older and low-income, who needs extra assistance with tuition and/or mileage for classroom training at a college or university, or to complete your GED?

Are you a Pokagon Band member who wants to continue your education by completing your GED?

If so, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 for further information, to discuss the eligibility requirements for the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) program or the Adult Education program.

Resume Assistance

To all those who are Native American tribal cardholders living in the 10-county service area, 18 years old or older and low-income, who would like assistance with Resume writing, interview tips, work experience, On-The-Job Training and support services. Please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 for further information and details.

Language Corner

Wénije/Who 2 - Family Terms Part 2

Nishote	Twin
Noshe	Aunt (maternal)
Nshegwas	Aunt (paternal)
Njishe	My uncle
Ndekweyom	My wife
Ndennim	My husband (lit. My stallion)
Nmezodanek	Parents
Nmesé	My older sister
Ndekwém	Sister of a male
Nidgek	Sister of a woman (any age)
Ndewema	My older brother of a female
Nseze	My older brother of a male

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are being held at the SMC Niles campus on Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The van leaves from the Department of Education at 6:15 p.m.

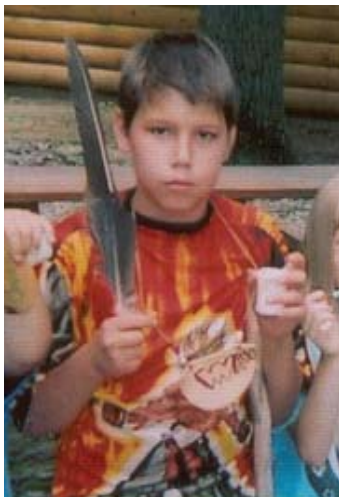
Classes this October are the 1st,8th,15th,22nd and 29th.

Elder's classes are held at Elders Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

We have a young and mighty hero!

Matt Brown, ten-year-old Pokagon citizen, was enjoying the day at Big PawPaw Lake in Coloma on July 26th. He and his cousins, Dakota and Cheyenne Dixon, and Uncle Lendell Dixon, were relaxing at the waterfront when Matt noticed a swimmer having a difficult time in the water. According to him, he just "ran out there and dived" off of the pier. The five year old girl that he pulled out of the lake was coughing and gasping for air. A very grateful Mother was waiting to take care of her when they got to the shore.

Good going, Matt! Weye I!



Matt also attended Summer Camp this year. Here he is showing some of the crafts he made.

October Students of the Month

Cory Ridenour

Cory Ridenour, is 17 years old and going into his senior year at Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo, MI. Cory's family includes Mom (Kelli Ridenour), Buddah, Haley, and Grandma. He has exceptional grades and has participated in: four years of football and received a leadership award from his team; three years of track and field; Treasurer of the executive board; member of The Renaissance Council; has three years of mentoring for the Ignite program; NAHA Member (National Art Honor Society); and three years of "stat man" for men's and woman's basketball team. He is a member of Red Ballers (male athletes competing academically for a chance to win a trip each marking period) and has won three trips. Cory also traveled to Peru this summer with the Loy Norrix travel team. Cory is dual enrolled his senior year at Loy Norrix and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He aspires to obtain a Masters Degree at Michigan State University. His Mom, Buddah, Haley, and Grandma wish their best and would like to say "Cory, We know you will achieve anything you aspire to accomplish! We Love You!" Excellent work, Cory.



Lucie Carpenter

Lucie Carpenter is eight years old. She lives in Dowagiac, Michigan and is currently a second grader at Sister Lakes Elementary. Lucie is the daughter of Lucky and Tina Carpenter. Her grandparents are Elaine and Lucky Carpenter. She has one sister named Ashley. Lucie's favorite foods are shrimp, vegetables, omelets, and pasta. "I love to play with my dog Daisy and listen to country music," exclaims Lucie. When Lucie grows up she would like to be a doctor. She has enjoyed being involved with Brownies, the Potawatomi Zoo Trip, Pokagon Band Enrichment Labs, Pokagon Band Summer Camp, and Pokagon Band Summer School. There Lucie has made new friends, learned about her culture, and is beginning to learn the Potawatomi language.



HEAD START NEWS

1st Day of School

The first day of school was on Tuesday September 8, 2009 and it went great! We welcomed 9 students back that returned from last year & welcomed 24 new students. All of the children did a great job & were very brave to venture their 1st day of school! Good job to all of the brave parents watching their little ones go off to school for the first time too!

2009-2010 Enrollment

We are still accepting applications for the waiting list! Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009-2010 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment. Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Pokagon Band Head Start

*School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.
*Transportation provided in limited areas in the Dowagiac, Sister Lakes & Niles areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.
*We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.
*The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated throughout each day.
*The program does accept children with disabilities.

Upcoming Events/Closures

*September 24, 2009—1st family fun night! Parent Committee & Policy Council Elections, Bus Safety, Bike Safety & Pedestrian Safety.
*October 29, 2009—Head Start Children's Halloween Party & Family Fun Night.
*November 11, 2009—Closed in observance of Veterans Day
*November 19, 2009—Family Fun Night—Fall Feast
*November 26 & 27, 2009—Closed for Thanksgiving Break

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated!
Items that we are always looking for:
*Play dough
*wet wipes
*outdoor play toys
*sidewalk chalk
*bubbles

Happy Birthday to You!

October Birthdays:
*Miss Linda Guthrie—October 18, 2009
Happy Birthday!

*Joshua Winchester-Jones—October 20, 2009
Happy 4th Birthday!

*Claire Starrett—October 23, 2009
Happy 3rd Birthday!

Personal Financial Skills Training Offered to Tribal Members

What: "Accessing Credit, Part I" – the 5th in a series of 6 workshops in personal financial skills

Where: Pokagon Band Head Start Building, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac (located at the tribal complex)

When: Tuesday, October 13th, 5:30 – 8:00 pm OR Saturday, October 17th 9:30 – noon
(same workshop, different date!)

Who: All Pokagon Band tribal citizens and spouses/partners (regardless of county of residence)

Why: To strengthen the personal financial skills of Pokagon Band families, thereby empowering them to better meet their families' needs

How often: Offered twice per month—the Tuesday workshop is repeated on Saturday. Each workshop lasts 2-1/2 hours.

What else: Each workshop starts with a light meal. Child care is provided for children 3 to 13 years old by trained and certified child care providers (children should be potty trained).

What to do: Call or email right away! Contact Val Janowski: 269 783-0443 or 877 983-0385 or via email at: Valerie.Janowski@PokagonBand-NSN.gov

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Month	Tues.		Sat.	Workshop Topic
October	13	or	17	Accessing Credit, Part I
November	17	or	21	Accessing Credit, Part II
December	15	or	19	Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

Workshops are held on a monthly basis and have been scheduled for through the rest of the year. Every month's workshop features a different topic. Participants are encouraged to attend on a monthly basis. Participants who attend the entire series of six workshops will receive a $25 gift card upon completion of all six sessions. Should you miss a month's workshop, you may attend the missed session during the next series of workshops as the series will repeat on an ongoing basis.

Workshops will always be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:30 till noon, as well as the preceding Tuesday from 5:30 till 8:00 pm. Both days will feature the same topic. Alternate days and times are offered for citizens with different schedules. The location of the workshops is Pokagon Band Head Start building. The financial skills program is connected with the Pokagon Head Start program only in that the workshops are held at Head Start. It is not necessary to have a child enrolled in Head Start in order to for tribal citizens to attend the financial skills workshops. Child care will be available at no charge by trained and certified providers. Attendance is limited to 15 participants. Register now to reserve your spot.

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THANK YOU,

I have been in office one month as I write this article and I must admit I can't remember when I have had such an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I would like to thank the tribal citizens for the faith, trust, and support that you have placed in me as your new Tribal Chairman. I will do my best to live up to your expectations. I appreciate all the kind words and rousing applause at the swearing-in on the 15th of August.



Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Chairman

One of several issues I felt was a priority was to improve communication. I will make every effort to provide an article for each edition of our newsletter as well as making myself available to listen to your concerns. I have established, beginning in November, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 1pm to 2pm to listen to your concerns. You may call me at the office at 1-888-376-9988 or my cell at 517-719-5579. I will adjust the times based on call volume if necessary. I will also work with Council to make available more information of interest to our citizens. I believe Council will support a new position and job description for a Communication Director. I expect that the director will oversee almost all tribal communications, including a new and improved newsletter, timely press releases, and develop a media contact list so that we can promote upcoming events in which the tribe is involved. There are too many events, on both the state and local levels, that we are involved in which we don't get appropriate recognition. We should change this and promote the Band as the good neighbor and business partner that we have always pledged to be.

On August 25th Council Members Marie Manley, Alice Overly, Steve Winchester, John Warren , Elder Council Member Clarence White, lobbyist Noel LaPorte, and I meet with Andrew Norris of the Office of Governor Daniels, and Jamal Smith, Senior Advisor, Minority Affairs. Recognizing that this was the first, if not first ever, meeting with any Governor's Administration in the state of Indiana, the meeting exceeded my expectations. We opened with a brief discussion of the history of the Pokagon Band, by Clarence and John, emphasizing that the Pokagon's are the only federally recognized tribe in the state. The talks involved a discussion of the Indian Commission, identifying our concerns as well as our support of the Governor on this issue. The discussion then became more general in nature focusing more on our desire to develop a government to government relationship, noting what we have accomplished in Michigan and commenting how well things have progressed. While Indiana will be different, based on one tribe not twelve, both Mr. Norris and Mr. Smith, seemed genuinely interested in further talks and even mentioned they would like to visit our community to learn more. They commented to Steve and John as we were leaving that the relationship with the Band will be similar with relationships that they have with other states and even the federal government. We were all very pleased to hear this comment because it showed they were starting to "get it". They said their door is always open and we can call anytime if we need to talk. We absolutely will be following up with developing this relationship.

It was both unfortunate and timely that we had an incident occur in the state of Indiana the very day of this meeting with one of our young people who was reported missing by the family. While the young person returned home safe and sound, it emphasized the lack of a government to government relationship in Indiana. I don't believe the family or the Band received the proper support and service in this situation. We have discussed this internally and the wheels are in motion to make sure a better relationship exists so that if a future event occurs there will be more cooperation between the governments.

The budgeting process for the next fiscal year is almost complete. Included in the budget are improvements to existing programs and a couple of new ones. At this writing council has not fully reviewed the budget, but unlike the State of Michigan, we are not at risk of a government shutdown. I would like to extend my appreciation to the department directors for their diligence in developing budgets that will assist in improving the quality of life for our citizens. I am excited about our future. I believe we are moving in a very good direction in a very good way.

Council is in the process of reviewing legislation for changes as well as preparing new legislation. In my opinion each document we create is a living document that can be changed based on new developments. This isn't a new concept and helps our government function more efficiently.

The ability for our citizens to view council meetings by means of webcasting is near. By the time this newsletter reaches your home, the construction of the basic structure should be started. Robert Willis, our Information and Technology Director has been very diligent in making this a reality. He has the framework for us to post, on a secure website, much of the information our citizens have been asking to review. I attended a meeting with Robert and Kelly with another computer company who is working with the Band to make our technology more secure and user friendly. This is a significant move for us as a government and I hope our citizens will appreciate what we can do once it is up and running. If all things go well, I would anticipate webcasting being up and running by the end of the year.

On another note of interest, by the time this reaches your home, we will have a new Director of Health. Council has filled the position with a person who has the experience and training to move our department forward. A full audit of our facility will be scheduled once the new Director gets settled.

I would also like to welcome our new Human Resource Director, Jim Dybevik. Jim comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. This should not only provide for efficiencies of economy but employee morale. I look forward to the improvements he will bring to our government.

I can't offer enough praise for our Pow Wow Committee. This year's Pow Wow was an excellent example of hard work, commitment to details, and a labor of love. I know there were many people who worked on making this the success that it was, but I would like to make a special note of recognition to Michaelina Magnuson. Mickey made sure Council was in the communication loop from beginning to end. Thank you for that, and thanks again to the entire committee and everyone else who volunteered their time and energy to make this a great event. Next year will be even better as we celebrate our 25th Annual Pow Wow.

In closing, feel free to contact me at any time. My door is always open and my phone is always on.

Matt

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Baby we made it 1 year already and we have many more to come,
I love you ,your wife.
Happy Anniversity Oct 4,2009

Daniel&Barbie Mcnew

Congratulations Ashley Martin on the birth of McKenzie Elizabeth on Sept. 9th, 2009. 9lbs, 6oz. Good job!

Love, The Parker-Johnson Family

Happy 3 year Wedding Anniversary
10/7 Josh

Love, Martha

Happy Belated Anniversary
Gary and Chris Morseau

Love, Martha, Josh,
Sydney, and Peanut

HAPPY 45th BIRTHDAY TO RAYMOND "lil Ray"
MORSEAU JR
ON OCTOBER 9th.
FROM ALL YOUR FRINDS & FAMILY
WE LOVE YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU

Happy Belated September Birthday Gary Morseau

Love,
Martha, Josh, Sydney,
and Peanut

Happy 43rd Birthday
Raymond Morseau III

Love Mom and Brian

Congratulations to Ana Magnuson for completing her Bachelors Degree of Fine Arts in Furniture Design from Kendall College of Art and Design through Ferris State University. Ana is looking forward to pursuing a career in Los Angeles as a Furniture Designer. What an exciting new venture.

We wish you well Ana,
The Housing Staff

Happy Birthday to the following:

Edward Lopez - Oct. 1
Patty Willis - Oct. 7
Juanita Skipper - Oct. 7
William E. Swisher - Oct. 4
Jennifer A. Wilson - Oct. 10
Terra Wilson - Oct. 12
Mark Wilson - Oct. 15
Christopher Goodrich - Oct. 15
Audrey Swisher Oct. 18
David Lennox - Oct. 20
Charles Skipper - Oct. 25
Joline Swisher - Oct. 29

Happy Anniversary to:
Karen and David Councilman

From Dorothy Burgh

Native American Business Association
Indianapolis, IN

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big "HUGE, THANK YOU" to the Pokagon Band Tribal Council, Midnight Sun drums (Jimmy Wesaw) Todd Miller and Crystal Morseau, Education Office representatives and to the Pokagon Veterans – Ken Rader and Lynn Davidson for participating in the 1st Native American Heritage Day! Special "Thanks" to Melissa Rodriguez for assisting in getting everyone down to Indy!

The day was a success with great responses afterwards. Mayor Ballard and his office were so impressed with the event he is already looking forward to next year!

On a personal basis, I, Gayle "Rusty" Green greatly appreciate the council and members for always backing events here in Indianapolis, IN to bring awareness and education the State and City on Native Americans.



Thank ou again, Ribbon Town Singers for letting my son Jacob sit with you and be apart of your group while you sang. He sure enjoyed it with that big grin! Bamapii!

Alicia Jackson and Family

Hi. This is Tracy Wesaw and I wanted the following Thank You put in the next newsletter. Thanks!

The family of Marissa Liggett would like to thank all of you who helped Marissa be found.
An awsome group of people joined together during a time of need and desperation for a common goal. That goal was to help find a young lady who means so much to so many and get her back to a safe environment. Words can never express the gratitude we have for you!

So many people willing to help in whatever was needed to be done was the most touching gesture imaginable.

Hours spent by many of you driving around passing out flyers and following any leads as to where she could be and all of your prayers is what made it possible for us to find her. We will never forget everything you did for us!

We would like to thank everyone including John Warren and singers for showing your support by coming to the candlelight vigil and singing and praying and for sending the "Heart Beat" of the drum out across mother earth to call for her return. She was found the next day!

Love you all!! God Bless!!

2009 Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Dance Contest Winners

Girls Youth Traditional Ages 5 – 11

1st	Onyleen Zapata	Huron Potawatomi Michigan
2nd	Ofelia Zapata	Huron Potwatomi Michigan
3rd	Mary Bush	Gun Lake PotawatomiMichigan

Girls Youth Jingle Ages 5 – 11

1st	Dajia Shinos	Ojibwa/Odawa Michigan
2nd	Ana Wemigwase	Odawa Michigan
3rd	Maya Schuyler	Oneida/Ojibwa Michigan

Girls Youth Fancy Ages 5 – 11

1st	Tessa Diamond	Oneida/Ojibwa Wisconsin
2nd	Alexa Oldman	Northern Arapho/Odawa Michigan
3rd	Cicilee Shinner	GTB Michigan

Boys Youth Traditional Ages 5 – 11

1st	Alonzo Oldman	Northern Arapho/Odawa Michigan
2nd	Micah Cozad	Dakota/Comanche/Kiowa/Assiniboine Minnesota
3rd	Tobias Pamp	Ojibwa Michigan

Boys YouthGrass Ages 5 – 11

1st	CJ Lasley	Ojibwa/Oneida/Ho-Chunk Michigan
2nd	Jakob Pamp	Ojibwa Michigan
3rd	Everett Webkamigad	Ojibwa/Odawa/Potawatomi Canada

Boys Youth Fancy Ages 5 – 11

1st	Kalab Pamp	Ojibwa Michigan
2nd	Kane Funmaker	Oneida Wisconsin
3rd	Gabe Jackson	Ojibwa Michigan

Teen Girls Traditional Ages 12-17

1st	Ahna Hartico	Potawatomi Kansas
2nd	Cecilia Hill	Navajo/Ojibwa Illinois
3rd	Makayla Webkamigad	Ojibwa/Odawa/Potawatomi Canada

Teen Girls Jingle Ages 12-17

1st	Cassisi Webkamigad	Ojibwa/Odawa/Potawatomi Canada
2nd	Shay Skyler	Oneida/LTBB Odawa Michigan
3rd	Sarah Ballew	Pokagon Potwatomi Michigan

Teen Girls Fancy Ages 12-17

1st	Krysallin Antone	Potawatomi Kansas
2nd	Cassandra Gibson	LTBB Michigan
3rd	Cassie Rowe	Pokagon Potawatomi Michigan

Teen Boys Traditional Ages 12-17

1st	Michael Begay	Navajo Illinois
2nd	Jaime Begay	Navajo Illinois
3rd	Angus Bush	MBPI Michigan

Teen Boys Fancy Ages 12 -17

1st	Arlan George	Chippewa/Oneida Michigan
2nd	Calvin Ballew	Pokagon Potawatomi/Ojibwa Michigan
3rd	Nodin Jackson	Ojibwa Michigan

Teen Boys Grass Ages 12-17

1st	Austin Summers	Ho-Chunk/Menominee Wisconsin
2nd	Dominque Cisneros-Watson	
3rd	David Garcia-Wix	Odawa Michigan

Golden Age Women

1st	Debbie Klein	Oneida Michigan
2nd	Rev. Evelyn White Eye	Canada
3rd	Karen Wahwasuek	

Golden Age Men

1st	Mike King	
2nd	Bob St John	Dakota Sioux South Dakota
3rd	Badger Wahwasuck	

Women's Traditional Ages 18 – 49

1st	Melissa Montoya	Ojibwa Michigan
2nd	Angelina Hindsley	Ho-Chunk Wisconsin
3rd	Cheryl Funmaker	Ho-Chunk Wisconsin

Women's Jingle Ages 18 – 49

1st	Cheyenne Petosky	Odawa Michigan
2nd	Iliana Montoya	Ojibwa Michigan
3rd	Alexarae Funmaker	Anishnaabe Michigan

Women's Fancy Ages 18 – 49

1st	Rose Track	Cree Wisconsin
2nd	Heather Schuyler	Oneida/Odawa Michigan
3rd	Alicia Summers	Ho-Chunk/Menominee Wisconsin

Men's Traditional Ages 18 – 49

1st	RJ Smith	Michigan
2nd	Steve Charging Eagle	Minnesota
3rd	Gabe Cleveland	Ho-Chunk Wisconsin

Men's Grass Ages 18 -49

1st	Wanbli Charging	Eagle Wisconsin
2nd	Armando Lucio	Apache Indiana
3rd	Calvin Hill	Navajo Illinois

Men's Fancy Ages 18 – 49

1st	Tony Klein	Oneida Wisconsin
2nd	Chad Nedeau	
3rd	James Chupco	Menominee/Seminole/Creek Michigan



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Toll free- (Coming Soon)

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



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THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
November 2009

The Elders Go To Washington

The Pokagon Elder's Council, with the support of Pokagon Tribal Council, sponsored a trip for Pokagon Elders to visit the sites in Washington D.C. The diligence with which the tribe used to hire Grueninger Travel Group Tours with Chris Richards as Tour Guide and Harry as our driver paid off in an excellent and informative trip as observed by this traveler.

The tour dates were from 9-14-09 to 9-17-09. We traveled from home on the 14th and to home on the 17th; home being Dowagiac. Though the bus trips of this length can be very trying and tiring, the guide's willingness to provide many rest stops and a lunch break both ways made the going and coming more comfortable. Chris the guide and Harry the driver were enjoyable personalities and became friends over the period of the tour.

Tuesday the Elders and their spouses visited The National Museum of the American Indian, Arlington Cemetary and Monuments of Washington D.C. A cultural look of all of North and South America's Native People was seen at the Museum of the American Indian. When we visited Arlington Cemetary we saw the grave site of Audie Murphy; John, Bobby, and Ted Kennedy; the Eternal Flame; the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a history of why Arlington is located where it is. During the monument tour we visited the Iwo Jima Memorial; Lincoln Memorial; Viet Nam War Memorial (the Wall); the Korean War Memorial which in the shape of a triangular piece of land with sculptures of a platoon traveling through it, all going in one direction. Our group approached from behind but arrive at the point of the front of the platoon at about the same time as a group of school children (10 to 12 years old) and their teachers arrived from the opposite direction. We got there first and was shooting pictures of the Veterans that was traveling with us, when one of the school girls from the children's group saw Paul Jackson and I believe recognized the Korean War medals he had on his hat and asked if the school group could take pictures. So Paul and Ken Rader were allowing pictures to be taken and as this was happening someone yelled out "Hey Paul, tell them your story!" and he did. Paul told of his being a member of the 3rd Combat Engineers whom were attached to the 21st Regiment, 24th Division, of the U.S. Army. The Army had been deployed from occupied Japan. His outfit landed at Pusan and took a train to the front line of battle, got their equipment off the train and went right into battle. They were continuously overrun by enemy, including part of the group being strafed(shot at) by two of our own jets. They were about a week into battle when Paul became the first Native American wounded in the war, he lay all day in a rice patty before he was rescued and as a result contracted gangrene. He was in and out of consciousness most of the time and remembers one time waking up on a cart with another wounded person and the cart being pulled by a Korean in uniform. He woke up in a hospital and by that time his leg had been removed. Paul expressed the feeling that his faith in God is his answer to being alive today and asked the children to pray for the men and women soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan today.

We ate great meals in Chinatown and an Italian Restaurant. The day before we left we visited the U.S. Capitol, the National Archives, and Mount Vernon. After we ate supper we took a leisurely ride on a Riverboat Cruise up and down the Potomac seeing many majestic buildings (Jefferson Memorail; Kennedy Center) and locations (Old Town Alexandria; Georgetown Washington Harbor).

Tom and Bonnie Parrish was asked for their comments on the trip and provided the following:

"Although the entire trip was great I think two stops we made stand out in my mind. Visiting the National Records and Archives was a lot more interesting and impressive than I expected. Seeing first hand such important documents and seeing the signatures of the famous people who signed them was inspiring. The other stop we made at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I was mesmerized by the perfect precision and reverence surrounding the whole area. It brought tears to my eyes.

Thank-you, Bonnie Parrish

My wife Karen and I felt the tribe spared no expense, making sure that we had the best of everything available to us. Megwetch, Waawaana, Thank-you.

Respectfully submitted
Kookoosh Roger Williams Kchinodin















Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagonband-nsn.gov

VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Veterans Committee has scheduled monthly meetings to be held on the 1st Thursday of every month at 1:30PM at Elders Hall. For more information, contact Butch Starrett @ 269-591-2601

Human Resources and Compliance
have moved to the
Administrative Health Building located at
57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI.
This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

The deadline for membership submissions for the December newsletter will be **November 14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

We are now accepting credit cards!

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday –1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

November 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals

Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Language Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Beans, & Cheese Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit	3 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies/ Brown Rice Tossed Salad Fortune Cookie/ Fruit/ Roll	4 Pot Roast W/ Potatoes & Carrots Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Apple Crisp Roll	5 Business Salmon Patties Scalloped Potatoes Spinach Garden Salad Fruit / Cake / Roll	6 Potato Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Fruit Salad Raw Carrot Sticks
9 Language Fish Sandwich on Bun Roasted Garlic Tomato Soup Garden Salad Watermelon	10 B.B.Q. Chicken Baked Potato Green Peas Fruit Cocktail / Roll Tomato Salad	11 Closed Veteran's Day	12 Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Asparagus/ Garden Salad Peach Crisp/ Roll	13 Bean Soup Squash Salad Cottage Cheese & Pears Yam Biscuits
16 Language Baked Chicken Potato Wedges Brussels Sprouts Tomato Salad Fruit / Roll	17 Ham Sweet Potatoes Veggie Tray Pineapple / Cottage Cheese / Roll	18 Chili W/ Ground Beef Garden Salad Fruit Tray Corn Bread	19 Social Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes & Dressing Cauliflower, Broccoli, & Carrots Cucumbers & Onions / Rolls Pumpkin Pie / Cranberries	20 Minestrone Soup Cold Tuna, Pea, & Spinach Salad Fruit Medley Roll Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
23 Language Buffalo Meatballs Noodles W/ Gravy Collard Greens Garden Salad Fruit / Roll	24 Baked Pork Chops Macaroni and Cheese Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Blueberry Crisp Roll	25 Salmon and Potato Dish Green Beans Tomato Salad Fruit Roll	26 Closed Thanksgiving Day	27 Closed Thanksgiving Day
30 Language Beef Pot Pie Spinach Salad Fruit W/ Yogurt Carrot Cake / Roll				Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.



Notice to All Artists Who Are Pokagon Band Members

Thank You! to all the artists who contributed their work to the Four Winds Casino Gift Shop Consignment Program.
The Pokagon Tribal Artwork section is beautiful and is continuing to experience good sales.

The gift shop at Four Winds Casino Resort has been open awhile and will need more art in the months to come.
You are invited to bring new artwork every other month at an informal meeting.

The next two reviews will be held on Saturday, November 7th. This will be the last review of this year.
The review will be held from 10:00am to Noon at the Four Winds Casino Hotel.

This will be in a conference room - just inquire at the front desk. Amy Senninger, who is the Liaison for the Tribal Artists, and the Gift Shop Management Team will be there to meet artists and review their artwork. We will be available as resources on that day to discuss what is selling and why. The most popular price range is in the range of $15.00 to $60.00. We are starting to sell more expensive items on occasion. We will offer our thoughts on creating a balanced collection with items in all price ranges, including a few high-end ones.

Jewelry and crafts that have "casino" themes, such as dice, cards etc. seem to be experiencing popularity, but buying habits are as many and varied as the people buying. The main thing is to focus on what truly brings you pleasure to make. You do not have to be a professional artist to be eligible.

We have also received requests for artwork that features the symbolism of clans.
In addition, Amy will offer on-the-spot tips on how to present artwork in the most saleable way for the lowest cost, with regards to matting and framing.

Bring what you have and get ideas on how to sell it!

Amy Senninger
amysenninger@gmail.com
269-932-5260

YOU MUST BE A POKAGON BAND MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLACING YOUR WORK IN THE GIFT SHOP AT FOUR WINDS CASINO RESORT.
PLEASE BRING YOUR ENROLEMENT CARD





Men's Health Fair

"Friendly staff and service", "The opportunity to meet staff members", "The Indian tacos were great!" was the feedback from all those who attended the Men's Health Fair on Thursday, October 8. Around 18 men showed up to get their hair cut, have a massage, see Marie Meyers, and enjoy an Indian taco. Our participants had the opportunity to have a hearing screening by Pam Riley of Darr Associates, and listen to a presentation given by Greg Otto, Physical Therapist, on back pain.

All the usual offerings of lab tests, annual exams, body composition, blood pressure tests and the healing touch of Marie were available. One man indicated that "The idea is great and in our neighborhood." Awesome complementary gift bags were given to the men at the front door and T-shirts were given to all those who attended and submitted an event evaluation.

All of us at Health Services would like to thank you for your support and help! If you have any suggestions for future health fairs please contact Health Services at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141.

Attention Pokagon Citizens
November is Diabetes Awareness Month

To see if you are personally at risk for diabetes, answer the following questions either "yes" or "no":

1. Has any member of your family been diagnosed with diabetes?
2. Do you have an increase in thirst, drinking more liquids than you usually do?
3. Have you been urinating more frequently?
4. Have you felt more tired than usual?
5. Have you felt light headed or shaky if you've missed a meal?
6. Have you felt more compelled to know what your blood sugar level is?

If you have answered yes to 3 or more of the above questions, you may have conditions of high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), or low blood sugar (hypoglycemia). These are conditions associated with Diabetes.

Would you like to be screened for diabetes? Call the Pokagon Indian Health Services Clinic and request an appointment for diabetes screening. If you have had labs completed by your primary provider, please bring these with you. If you have not had labs, our provider will request labs before your scheduled appointment.

If you are diagnosed with diabetes and feel you need more information or education on diabetes, contact Becky Price, CHN, Diabetes Coordinator, 1-888-440-1234, or 782-4141, ext. 224. If you would like assistance and education on your diet, contact Susan Gunderson, RD. We are here to assist you with all your health needs.

Pokagon Health Services
57392 M-51 South
Dowagiac, MI 49047
1-888-440-1234 or
1-269-782-4141

The Facts About Diabetes: America's Seventh Leading Cause of Death

What is diabetes?
Diabetes is a group of diseases marked by high levels of blood glucose resulting from defects in insulin production, insulin action, or both. Diabetes can lead to serious complications and premature death, but people with diabetes can take steps to manage the disease and lower the risk of complications.

How many Americans have diabetes and pre-diabetes?*
- 23.6 million Americans have diabetes — 7.8 percent of the U.S. population. Of these, 5.7 million do not know they have the disease.
- Each year, about 1.6 million people ages 20 or older are diagnosed with diabetes.
- The number of people diagnosed with diabetes has risen from 1.5 million in 1958 to 17.9 million in 2007, an increase of epidemic proportions.
- It is estimated that 57 million adults aged 20 and older have pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes is a condition where blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be called diabetes. Studies have shown that by losing weight and increasing physical activity people can prevent or delay pre-diabetes from progressing to diabetes.

What is the prevalence of diabetes by type?
- Type 1 (previously called insulin-dependent or juvenile-onset) diabetes accounts for 5 to 10 percent of all diagnosed cases of diabetes.
- Type 2 (previously called non-insulin-dependent or adult-onset) diabetes accounts for 90 to 95 percent of all diagnosed cases of diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is increasingly being diagnosed in children and adolescents

What is the prevalence of diabetes by race/ethnicity?*
Non-Hispanic Whites
14.9 million; 9.8 percent of all non-Hispanic whites aged 20 and older have diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes
African Americans
3.7 million; 14.7 percent of all non-Hispanic blacks aged 20 and older have diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes.
Non-Hispanic blacks are about 1.8 times more likely to have diabetes as non-Hispanic whites aged 20 and older.
Hispanics/Latinos
10.4 percent of Hispanics/Latinos ages 20 or older have diagnosed diabetes.
Among Hispanics/Latinos, diabetes prevalence rates are 8.2 percent for Cubans, 11.9 percent for Mexican Americans, and 12.6 percent for Puerto Ricans.
American Indians and Alaska Natives
About 16.5 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives aged 20 years and older who are served by the Indian Health Service have diagnosed diabetes.
Diabetes rates vary – among Alaska Native adults (6.0%) to American Indians in southern Arizona (29.3%).
Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
The rate of diagnosed diabetes in Asian Americans is 7.5 percent. However, prevalence data for diabetes among Pacific Islanders is limited.

How many deaths are linked to diabetes?*
- Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death listed on U.S. death certificates.
- Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death among people with diabetes — about 68 percent die of heart disease or stroke.
- The overall risk for death among people with diabetes is about double that of people without diabetes.

Treating Diabetes*
- Diabetes can lead to serious complications, such as blindness, kidney damage, cardiovascular disease, and lower-limb amputations, but people with diabetes can lower the occurrence of these and other diabetes complications by controlling blood glucose, blood pressure, and blood lipids.

- Many people with type 2 diabetes can manage their blood glucose by following a healthy meal plan and exercise program, losing excess weight, and taking oral medication. Some people with type 2 diabetes may also need insulin to manage their blood glucose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Tribal Court

58620 Sink Road, P.O. Box 355
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone (269) 783-0505
Fax (269) 783-0519

CASE NO: 09-615-PCDCS		Court Ref: 1994000517-DP FOC Ref: 140004257
Petitioner: name(s), address(es), telephone number(s): (Intentionally Omitted)	v.	Respondent: name(s), address(es), telephone numbers(s): Paul Isaac Gibson 2207 Clark Street, Apt. 6 Jonesboro, AR 72401

PUBLICATION TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

This Court, having reviewed the Notice and Request for Order of Publication and having been advised in the premises,

MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1. On Friday, September 18, 2009 a Petition/Affidavit to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support was filed with the Court.

2. Tribal law mandates that all or an appropriate portion of per capita payments, due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan.

3. On September 23, 2009 an Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments was entered by the Court to preserve the Respondent's per capita payments up to the amount of the delinquent child support obligation in order to provide Respondent notice and an opportunity to file any objection to the contemplated redirection of his per capita payments.

4. The Court obtained the Respondent's address from the Pokagon Band Revenue Allocation Administrator who keeps a list of current addresses of members which is provided by the Enrollment Office.

5. On September 23, 2009 the Court mailed, by first-class mail, notification to the Respondent of the right to object to the entry of an Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support within fourteen (14) days of the date appearing on the Certificate of Mailing of the Notice of Petition/Affidavit.

6. However, the Court received the its mailing back from the U.S. Post Office as "Return to Sender, Moved Left No Address, Unable to Forward" on October 7, 2009.

7. On October 7, 2009 the Court again contacted the Revenue Allocation Administrator to confirm the address of the Respondent which is the same as stated in the caption above. The Revenue Allocation Administrator is holding an amount of Respondent's per capita payments which were mailed to the address provided by the Respondent and returned to the Band.

8. The Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan, Section 12 states: "...all or an appropriate portion of the per capita payment of any eligible member shall be directed so as to satisfy such obligation." for delinquent child support.

9. Based on the circumstances in this matter, an alternate method of service to notify the Respondent is required.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Court Administrator shall publish this Publication to Provide Notice to Respondent in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa, the Tribal newsletter.

2. The Petitioner's name and address shall be omitted on this Order and Notice.

3. An Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments has been entered by the Court against Respondent's per capita payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The Order to Stay Distribution of Per Capita Payments has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.

4. An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court on October 31, 2009 unless the Respondent files an objection(s):

a. to the recognition of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 5; or

b. to the enforcement of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6.

5. The Respondent may file (a) written objection(s) to the recognition of the Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support with the Court. The objection(s) must be filed on or before October 30, 2009 and MUST demonstrate that:

a. the foreign court lacked personal or subject matter juris diction; or

b. the foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.

6. Unless the Respondent files an objection(s) to the enforcement of the foreign court order, an Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support will apply ALL of your per capita payments, INCLUDING the amount that is being held by the Revenue Allocation Administrator due to the Respondent's bad address, to satisfy the delinquent court-ordered child support until such time as the delinquent child support obligation is satisfied or until further order of this Court. The objection(s) must be filed on or before October 30, 2009 and MUST demonstrate that:

a. the Respondent does not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or

b. applying all of Respondent's per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to Respondent's health or general welfare.

7. If Respondent files (a) written objection(s) based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, the Respondent will be required to establish grounds why the Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support should not be granted by this Court.

Michael Petoskey, Chief Judge

LEGAL

NOTICE

SURVEY REGARDING MARRIAGE CODE

Earlier this year, the Tribal Council accepted a generous offer from the American Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado School of Law to draft a Pokagon Band Marriage License, Birth Certificate, and Death Certificate Code ("Marriage Code"). The Marriage Code will define the requirements for lawful marriage, determine who can perform a marriage ceremony, and allow birth certificates and death certificates to be issued under the Band's jurisdiction and authority. This new law is intended to reflect important Pokagon Band cultural and traditional notions of marriage and family relations. For that reason, the Tribal Council decided that the Pokagon Band membership should be provided an opportunity to offer its views concerning these culturally-sensitive issues. The Tribal Council determined that the best means of gathering input from Pokagon Band members would be through a survey made available solely to Pokagon Band members via the Internet. You can access the Marriage Code survey by clicking on the following weblink of from the link provided on Pokagon.com:

http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2295YKEWN5L

If you are reading this notice in the Pokagon Band Newsletter, you may access the survey by typing the web address above into the address bar in the internet browser on your computer.

The Marriage Code will govern all marriages issued under the Band's authority. It is vital that we receive your feedback, as the issues are extremely important and controversial. For example, one such issue is whether the Band will allow same-sex marriage. The Marriage Code survey will only be available until November 30, 2009. Should you have any problems accessing the survey, please contact the Pokagon Band General Counsel's Office at (269) 783-0970.

PER CAPITA INFORMATION

Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

EnrollID	FirstName	MiddleName	LastName
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1400	Nicholas	Glen	Easley
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1482	Jesse	David	Ballew
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
1982	Christopher	Lee	Diamond
2382	Alexander	Zienert	Parrish
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
3959	Robert	Paul	Helsel
3942	Francine	Lee	Hamilton

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment Committee is looking for someone to fill a vacant seat. This person must have an eye for detail. The Committee is responsible for reviewing all applications and all documentation submitted to determine eligibility of membership. They meet once a month. The second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Enrollment office located at 32142 Edwards St., Dowagiac, MI 49047. Please contact Kelly Curran if you have an interest in joining the Committee. Provide your name, address & phone number.

DEADLINE: 5:00 PM (mst) November 6, 2009

Essay Topic: "How Would I Manage Agriculture Risk on My Reservation?"

(Research WHAT is Risk Management using the links below and then apply it to the essay topic)

http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/1997/irm_intr.html http://farm-risk-plans.usda.gov/

2009 Native Women & Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition

Also Sponsored By: Seminole Tribe of Florida, USDA Risk Management Agency & the Intertribal Agriculture Council

Who Is Eligible? Young Native American Women & Men who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2009. Graduates of May or August 2009 are also eligible to enter. Must be a member of a **Federally Recognized Tribe.**

Winners & Prizes: Three (3) finalists will be announced the second week of November 2009 and provided an all-expense paid trip (including chaperone) to the 2009 Intertribal Agriculture Council & Indian Nations Conservation Alliance annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV December 7-11, 2009. Finalists will be awarded several other special prizes presented at the event & will serve as Ag Ambassadors in 2009/2010. Each finalist is required to read a short self introduction and their essay (as submitted only) at the awards luncheon.

Guidelines:

- ✓ 3-6 pages in length
- ✓ Typed
- ✓ One-inch margins
- ✓ Double spaced
- ✓ 12-point font
- ✓ 3-5 sources

Judging Criteria:

- ♦ Creativity
- ♦ Quality of Sources
- ♦ Quality of Grammar
- ♦ Spelling & Punctuation
- ♦ Organization of information
- ♦ Length of Entry
- ♦ Documentation of Sources (3-5 sources required)
- ♦ Appropriate information for topic



2008 Finalists Joshua Moore (Colorado River Indian Tribes) with 8-time World Champion Joe Beaver who presented the awards & prizes.

All entries ***MUST BE ACCOMPANIED*** by a separate sheet containing the student's name, address, telephone number, email (if available), school attending & Tribal affiliation.

Send Essay Submission to:

Native Women & Youth in Agriculture
c/o Tina Voigt
Intertribal Agriculture Council
100 N. 27th Street, Suite 500
Billings, MT 59101

Phone: 406.259.3525
Fax: 406.256.9980
Email: tvoigt@indianaglink.com
Note: all entries will be used in future publications & for PR purposes

Entries may be mailed (postmarked 11/06/09), faxed or emailed (re: essay contest)

Hunting Season/Egiwsewnegek

Courtesy of Jim Thunder's Bodewadmimwen Nish Mbook.

It is hunting season ~ Giwsewnget
Gun ~ Basksegen
Shells or Cartridges ~ Nwin
Hunting Knife ~ Giwse Koman
Buck ~ Yabe
Big Buck ~ Che Yabe
Doe ~ Nijan
Little Doe ~ Nijanes
Antlers ~ Ashknen
Buck hide ~ Yabewagen
I am going to go out hunting. ~ Nwi pa giwse.
Okay, let's go hunting. ~ Ahaw, ke pa giwsemen.
Did you see anything? ~ Gego ne ki wabdan?
No, I didn't see anything. ~ Cho, shna gego ngi-wabdesin.
I saw one while out. ~ Ngot se wi she ngi-bmewabma.

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6PM - 8PM at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are being held at the SMC Niles campus on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The van leaves from education at 6:15pm. Classes this November are the 5th, 12th and 19th. No class on the 26th due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on Monday's at 11:00 a.m.

Library News

by Penny Brant, Education Coordinator

Even if you weren't able to attend the Library Night in the Mishawaka office on September 29th, you can still benefit. A highlight of the event was meeting with one of our book suppliers. We read books, looked at the many subjects covered, enjoyed the awesome art in them and got great ideas for our next order. These span many subjects: academic, Native American interest, fiction, help with research for reports, DVDs . . . just some great reading and viewing. You'll just have to stop by and use your library. We have fresh books for fall reading waiting for you.

Chicago Field Trip a Success!

by Penny Brant, Education Coordinator

The weather tried to put a damper on us early in the morning on Saturday, September 26th, but it failed! Once the buses were boarded and headed for the Chicago Field Museum, all one hundred and forty-two riders - Pokagon Band citizens and Department of Education employees – snacked, relaxed and prepared for a busy day at the Museum. We were met by a family of five at the entrance before everyone took off to explore their interests. High in the priorities were: The Ancient Americas exhibit, North American Indians, "Sue" the Dinosaur (who has her own store!), Evolving Planet, Inside Ancient Egypt, the Underground Adventure, and Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship.

McDonald's lunch was included for all and then, once again, we worked our ways through the displays, stores, and resting areas. We had a network: "Hey, have you been through . . .?", "Have you seen . . . ?", "You have to go to . . . !" and packages started appearing in arms as the day progressed.

Families were able to enjoy this time together and share this with family and friends in the Pokagon Band and not have to worry about the traffic in Chicago. Once 4:15 pm arrived, the weather welcomed us as we boarded the buses, heading to a snack, on-the-road movies and home.

This field trip, created and coordinated by the Department of Education and supported by the Tribal Council and JOM, once again confirmed how important these activities are to the students and families. Seeing the sparks in eyes and the hearing the excited banter between all was a huge reward for a great day!

Students of the Month



Shandiin Church

Shandiin Church is 17 years old. She is a senior at Albuquerque High School in Albuquerque, NM. Shandiin parents are Lora & Leonard "Casey" Church. Her brothers and sisters include Alilee (14), Nizhoni (12), Deezbah (9), & Bahozhoni (5) Church. Her grandparents are the late Mary & Leonard Church of Dorr, MI and Alberta & Curtis Morgan of Albuquerque, NM. Shandiin participated in the Santa Fe Indian Market Fashion Show wearing a traditional Potawatomi outfit. She also danced in the Jingle Dress and Northern Traditional categories at powwows. Shandiin also helps at ceremonies that emphasize prayer, making shawls and helping design outfits. Her favorite food is pizza with pepperoni and green chili. She plays varsity volleyball for her high school. She enjoys bowling and hanging out with "her girls". She is also in the unarmed drill team as commander in Army Jr. ROTC. She loves to travel with her family and mentor young children. Shandiin plans to move back to Michigan after she graduates and attend the University of Michigan. After college, she plans to commission in the Marine Corps and become a Military Police officer. Then, later, she wants to become a city police officer and have a huge family, like the one she grew up in. Shandiin is most proud to be a Native American because "I love the fact of being different and going against all the odds, for I am proud to be a drug and alcohol free Native American teenager. I am able to stand out from a crowd because of the strong history and culture that is represented by not just me, but all Native Americans as a whole".



Gabriel Tone

Gabriel Tone is nine years old and a fourth grader at Marcellus Schools in Marcellus, Michigan. Gabriel's parents are Rachael and Joe Tone. His grandparents are Tom and Cheryl Topash. Gabriel's brother and sister are Quinton and Lillian. He enjoys playing baseball and basketball. Someday, Gabriel would like to be a lawyer. Gabriel has been involved with Pokagon Band's Summer School Programs. He also puts tobacco down when he is with his Papa. Recently, Gabriel got to go to his first sweat lodge ceremony. The thing that makes Gabriel proud to be a Native American is dancing at the Powwow. Gabriel exclaims," It is fun to show everyone how I dance. I also get to drum once in a while." Well done, Gabriel.

Family Night

September 15, 2009
By: Kateri O'Toole Education Associate

Our first Family Night of 2009 - 2010 school year occurred on a Tuesday in the evening at the Department of Education. All JOM and Pokagon band families were invited. The event took place between 6 – 9 pm. Several families joined us as everyone feasted then started the craft activity. Linda Yazel was our presenter for craft activities leading us in creating key size dream catchers, and artfully decorated pine cones. Beading supplies for others to work with were made available by the Cultural Associate, Rhonda Shingwauk. There were board games and trivia games for families to play. Our next Family Night will be held on October 27th at the Head Start building to accommodate for more room. There will be more Family Nights to come in November and beyond so keep an eye out.

Backpacks – Duffle Bags – Messenger Bags – All Stuffed!

Following a wonderful tradition, we are continuing the distribution of Back Packs, Duffle Bags, and Messenger Bags containing school supplies. The sturdy bags, themselves, are a beautiful blue with the Pokagon Band insignia silk screened on the front. We have handed out over 500 and we are not done.

Distribution of the bags and supplies will continue until November 25, 2009. Registering for the service can happen in the Department of Education building from 9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday. For Indiana citizens, please call the Department of Education (269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234) with your preference of bag. We will bring them to the Mishawaka office for pickup. For those of you out of the Ten County Service Area, just call and we can make arrangements to get them to you.

Tutoring

We are placing students with tutors – do you have a K-12 child in need of help? Tutoring Request forms are available and questions are always welcomed by calling Penny Brant at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234. The e-mail works, too: penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Enrichment Labs

We are well into the Enrichment Labs: Dowagiac K-5th Grades from 4:00 -5:15 on Mondays, Dowagiac 6th-12th from 3:00 – 4:30 on Wednesdays, Hartford Lab at Red Arrow (notice the return to Red Arrow) from 3:15 – 4:15, and Notre Dame for 5th-12th Grades on select Wednesdays. Kids and staff are keeping busy.

This is chance for us to help with homework and work on good study habits also reinforces cultural understanding and gives the students time to spend together. Please call the Department of Education and ask for Penny, Kat, or Becky to register your students.

Reimbursements

What a wonderful word! School Supplies Reimbursements are available through the Department of Education. Any of us can drop the form in the mail – just call. This gift of $50 from the Tribe covers supplies mandated by your child's school. Save the original receipts to send in with the easy-to-fill-out form. The form also lays out specifically what is covered in this program.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS ASHLEY MARTIN!!!
On the birt of your first child a beautiful baby girl, MaKenzi Elizabeth Martin born on 9/9/9, weighing in at 9lbs. 7oz. and 21in. long. I am so proud of you and love you both so much.
I love you Aunt Kat

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH
BETTE J. RAPP - MORSEAU
A HAPPY 66TH BIRTHDAY ON NOVEMBER 20TH.
FROM ALL YOUR SENIOR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND ALL THOSE OUT THERE WHO ARE A PART OF YOUR LIFE.



Congratulations on your acceptance to Pillissippi College! Go Garrison Grubb

From your Siblings

CONGRATULATIONS
ASHLEY MARTIN!!!
On the birth of your first child, a beautiful baby girl, MaKenzi Elizabeth weighing in at 9lbs. 7oz. and 21in. long.
We love you, Aunt Kat & Uncle Mike, Grandma O' Keefe, Uncle Bobby, Uncle Johnny, Aunt Lisa & Family, Aunt Sandy & Family



Happy Birthday David Grubb
From your Mom and Dad

CongratulationsTo Our Beautiful Daughter Ashley Martin!!!
On the birth of our beautiful grandaughter MaKenzi Elizabeth Martin-9lb.7oz. 21in. long.
We are so proud of you and Love the two of you so much.
Love, Mom & Dad, TJ & Angel



Look who's Two!!! Happy Birthday to Hugo Alexis!!!



Happy Birthday
Kaylann Miller

Love your Mother

Happy Belated Birthday
Oct. 31 Cheryl Purcell

Love, Your cuz,
Sally and Family



Happy 15th Birthday
Nadyah N. Grubb

From Mom and
the 3 brothers.



Congratulations to our Granddaughter, Elliot Lynn Parrish who was crowned Queen of the Monroe High School homecoming on October 2nd. Her proud parents are Mike and Melissa Parrish. We all are so proud and we love you.
Grandma Bonnie and Grandpa Tom Parrish

On behalf of me and my family I would like to thank the education department for sponsoring our recent trip to the Chicago Museum. We had a wonderful time not only at the museum, but the ride down there and back was a wonderful time of fellowship and conversation. The snacks were yummy too. Thank you for all of the time and effort put into making this trip a success. I hope more activities such as this are planned in the future.

chi-miigwetch,
Liz Glowacki and family



Happy 3rd Birthday
Claire Starrett

Love Daddy, Mommy, Ethan, Nickolas, Jackie Sue and Family

Jeremy Cagle
Best Wishes on your Birthday

From Dad, Mom, and Grandma Mix



Happy Birthday
Kanndice A. Grubb

From all of your children.

Congratulations Ashley Martin!!!
On the birth of MaKenzi Elizabeth
You did a great job.
We love you,Grandma Martin & Aunt Betty



Happy Birthday Jason - November 3.

Here you are at 14
Now your at 24
You are still a cutie
Who we all love and adore.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Haley L.J., Gabriel, Jada, Jai, Anthony & Juanita.

Santiago Cruz Ramos
Happy 15th Birthday 11-15-1994

"Wishing that you get a buck.
Happy Birthday and good luck".

Love your family,
Mom, Dad, and Grandma,
Lil Jimm and Uncle Jim



Congratulations Newlyweds
Shelly and Steve Smedberg 9-11-09



Fred Rader
Family and Friends miss you and love you.

Love your Brother Ken

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HEATHER SHOEMAKER!AND CONGRATS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT! SO HAPPY FOR YOU! LOVE,

AMANDA, BRIEANN AND BABY MATTHEW!

Happy Birthday Sally.

From your cuz,
Billy Evans

Congratulations on your beautiful baby girl, Julianna on July 31, 2009.

Love, Sally and Family

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!!!
Mike Goodson-10/19
I Love You Always, Kathy

KEE-BOON-MEIN-KAA Pow Wow 2009 Photos

All photos courtesy of Jessica Fortuna





















Pow Wow Committee 2010

The Pow Wow Committee is seeking individuals interested in planning the 2010 Traditional Pow Wow. This Pow Wow is a new event and is different than the annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow. For those that are interested in being on the Traditional Pow Wow Committee, please submit a letter of interest to Michaelina Magnuson to Michaelina.Magnuson@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Or if you are interested on being on the Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa Committee, please submit a letter of interest to Mickey. Please submit before Monday, November 16, 2009.

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

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Toll Free (888) 281-1111
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Mishawaka, IN. 46545
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(269) 782-2232 /
Toll Free (866-399-0161)
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Election
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(269) 782-9475 /
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Human Resources / Compliance
57365 M-51 South
(269) 782-8163 - Human Resources
(269) 782-5198 - Compliance
Toll free- (Coming Soon)

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

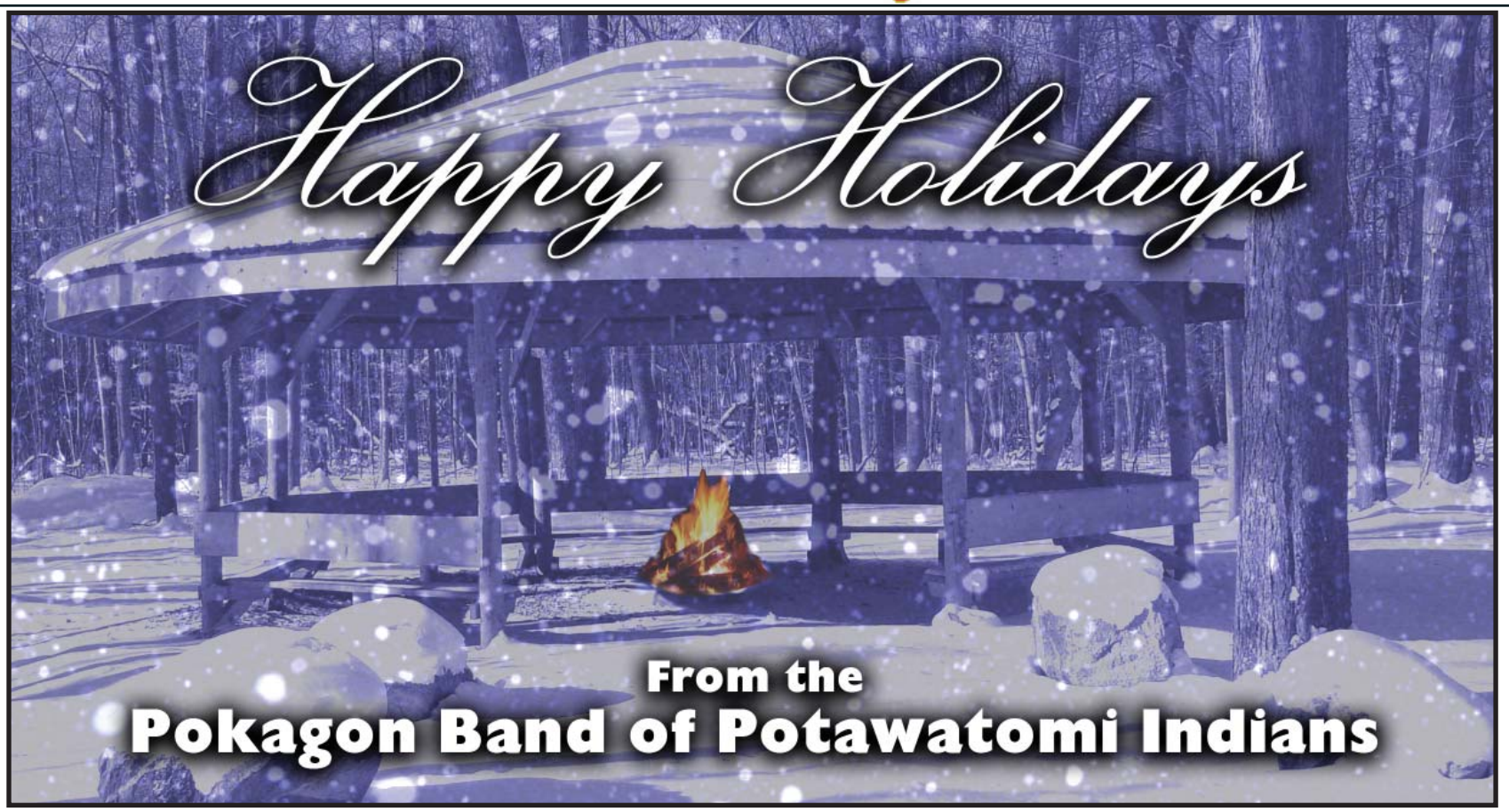
This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA
December 2009



LIHEAP FY2010

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS?

The Social Services Department will start accepting applications for LIHEAP on November 5, 2009. Remember this program is designed to provide a one time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. The program is designed to assist members living within our service area; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties in Indiana; and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan.

To apply call or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac.
Phone number (269) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 or you may fax information to (269) 782-4295. Information may also be found on the Pokagon website.

- Proof of all household income is needed:
  1. Proof of last 30 days of income, including Per Capita and/or
  2. Award letters from (SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, VA, etc...) and/or
  3. Child Support Received or paid or
  4. Completion of Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.

- Providers Bill.
- Tribal identification is also needed.

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	23,446
2	30,661
3	37,875
4	45,089
5	52,304
6	59,518

** For family units of more than 6 members, add 3% to 132% for each additional member, and multiply the new percentage by $45,089.

Pokagon Supplemental Heating Program

The Pokagon Social Services Department announces for a fourth year the Pokagon Supplemental Heating Program, which will begin accepting application December 1, 2009. This program will provide a credit of $250 per eligible household to help with high energy costs. The Supplemental Heating Program provides assistance to income-eligible Pokagon Band households anywhere in the United States. The Supplemental Heating Program is NOT limited to the 10-county service area.

Please note: The Supplemental Heating Program is separate from the LIHEAP Program. The Supplemental Program has higher income guidelines and can be provided to more households. Current LIHEAP recipients automatically qualify for the Supplemental Program, but are required to still submit documentation.

HOW TO APPLY:
You can receive an application by calling the department at: (269) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777, Fax # (269) 782-4295 or visit in person at: 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047. An application may also be obtained by visiting the Pokagon website and viewing the Department of Social Services information.

Items you will need to fill out the application:

1. Proof of all household income:
   - proof of income for last 30 days and/or
   - award letters (from SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, etc...) and/or
   - child support received or paid or
   - completed Zero Income Form (obtain from our office) if above do not apply
2. Bill from your energy provider
3. Tribal ID card

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED DECEMBER 1, 2009
The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	$36,000
2	43,000
3	50,000
4	57,000
5	64,000
6 and above	71,000

Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter
Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification
Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette
Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;
1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:
Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagonband-nsn.gov

VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Veterans Committee has scheduled monthly meetings to be held on the 1st Thursday of every month at 1:30PM at Elders Hall.

For more information, contact Butch Starrett @ 269-591-2601

Human Resources and Compliance
have moved to the
Administrative Health Building located at
57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI.
This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

The deadline for membership submissions for the January 2010 newsletter will be **December 14, 2009**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

We are now accepting credit cards!

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday –1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

December 2009
Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
Note: Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/ burgers.	1 Pot Roast Potatoes & Carrots Garden Salad Fruit/ Roll Dutch Apple Pie	2 BBQ Chicken Potato Wedges Tomato Salad Peas Yogurt W/ Fruit Roll	3 Business Buffalo Brats and Sauerkraut Baked Potato Garden Salad Melon Slices Cake/ Fruit/ Roll	4 Salmon Patties Macaroni & Cheese Squash Tomato Salad Roll
7 Language Baked Ham W/ Pineapple Sweet Potato Succotash Tomato Salad Jell-O Poke Cake/ Roll	8 Potato W/ Bacon Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Coleslaw Watermelon	9 Fish Oven Baked Fries Brussels Sprouts Tossed Salad Fruit/ Roll	10 Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Tomato Salad Fruit/ Roll	11 Buffalo Sloppy Joes OR Veggie Burger Garden Salad Corn on the Cob Fruit
14 Language BBQ Pork Chops Baked Potato Spinach Applesauce Cottage Cheese/ Roll	15 Beef Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Tossed Salad Banana Pudding W/ Nilla Wafers Fortune Cookie/ Roll	16 Wild Rice Soup Ham & Cheese Sandwich Veggie Tray Cherry Crisp	17 Social Prime Rib Baked Potato Carrots Tomato Salad Tiramisu Cake/ Rolls	18 Turkey Manhattan W/ Dressing Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Fruit/ Roll/ Sherbet
21 Language Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Brussels Sprouts Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Peaches/ Roll	22 Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, & Cheese Casserole Cucumber Salad Apple Salad/ Cornbread	23 French Toast Sticks Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Orange Slices/ Cranberry Juice	24 **Closed Christmas**	25 **Closed Christmas**
28 Language Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Beans, & Cheese Fruit Blueberry Pie	29 Boiled Dinner (Sausage, beans, potatoes, onions, cabbage, corn) Cornbread Cottage Cheese and Tomatoes Angel Food Cake W/ Strawberries	30 Salmon Patties Potato Wedges Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots Beets Berries	31 **Closed New Years**	

New Information on Per Capita Payments and Elder Stipend

On Tuesday, November 10, 2009; Tribal Council made the decision for those who have their per capita/elder stipend checks direct deposited into their account, you will no longer be receiving a paper copy of the check in the mail. If for some reason you need a copy of your check for verification purposes of receiving income for other programs, please call Julie Farver at 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777 x 241.

Also, great news for elders, Tribal Council also passed to continue paying the elder stipend. Those payments will not be ending in March 2010 as projected.

To the right, you will find the payment schedule for 2010. Please post it on your refrigerator for future reference.

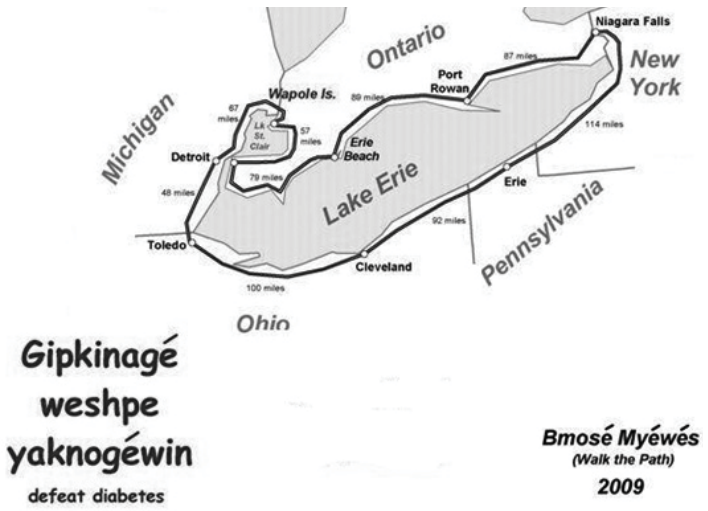
PER CAPITA PAYMENT SCHEDULE 2010

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Tuesday, December 15, 2009	Tues, Dec 29, 2009	Wed, Dec 30, 2009
Friday, January 15, 2010	Thurs, Jan 28, 2010	Fri, Jan 29, 2010
Monday, February 15, 2010	Thurs, Feb 25, 2010	Fri, Feb 26, 2010
Monday, March 15, 2010	Tues, Mar 30, 2010	Wed, Mar 31, 2010
Thursday, April 15, 2010	Thurs, Apr 29, 2010	Fri, Apr 30, 2010
Friday, May 14, 2010	Thurs, May 27, 2010	Fri, May 28, 2010
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	Tues, June 29, 2010	Wed, June 30, 2010
Thursday, July 15, 2010	Thurs, July 29, 2010	Fri, July 30, 2010
Monday, August 16, 2010	Mon, Aug 30, 2010	Tues, Aug 31, 2010
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010	Wed, Sept 29, 2010	Thurs, Sept 30, 2010
Friday, October 15, 2010	Thurs, Oct 28, 2010	Fri, Oct 29, 2010
Monday, November 15, 2010	Tues, Nov 23, 2010	Wed, Nov 24, 2010

Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

EnrollID	FirstName	MiddleName	LastName
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1400	Nicholas	Glen	Easley
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
1982	Chris	Lee	Diamond
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
3959	Robert	Paul	Helsel
3942	Francine	Lee	Hamilton



Walk the Path: Lake Erie
Program Extended

Still not sure this is for you? To date we have 4 members who have finished the 733 mile trek. We are happy to congratulate Minnie Barnes, Nancy Ketchum, Melissa Potter, and Alan Morsaw for their commitment to good health and their rapid pace to completion.

It's not too late to gear up, get a new pair of walking shoes, and rise to the challenge of taking our fourth virtual/pretend walk around the Great Lake Erie. This 733 mile virtual trek will start at Walpole Island First Nation and head east to the Mighty Niagara Falls and back again to Walpole Island. Our goal is to emphasize a healthy lifestyle and promote exercise/activity to help stop or control diabetes. It is not too late to join. Just start recording your miles to complete this "virtual" walk. In addition, you will receive fun incentives at designated stops along the way.

Call Susan at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141 to register, get your T-shirt, pedometer, and start the program at your earliest convenience.

Arthur L. Culpepper, PhD, FACHE
Director of Health Services



Arthur L. Culpepper was born in Birmingham, Alabama. His father was a Drill Instructor in the United States Army and mother was a beautician. The family moved to Ft. Hood, Texas where Arthur attended kindergarten, then moved to San Antonio, Texas where he spent his grade school and high school years.

Arthur attended Theodore Roosevelt High School (along with his sisters) during the 1980s. He moved to Abilene, Texas to attend college (Abilene Christian University).

Since then he has lived and worked in Santa Fe and Las Cruces, New Mexico; Wrentham, Massachusetts (40 miles outside of Boston); Searcy, Arkansas and currently resides in Mishawaka, Indiana.

His interests are broad and varied. For example, he currently travels to the Ukraine each year, to perform medical mission work. The program provides diabetic treatment supplies (e.g., insulin, and medications) to citizens who are Christians and diagnosed with diabetes. In addition, he is an Elder at the Harris Prairie Church of Christ. Following college, Arthur tried out to play in the National Football League (i.e., tryouts with the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants).

He received his college degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology at Abilene Christian University; a Masters of Arts in Health Services Management at Webster University; and, a Doctorate of Health Education at the University of New Mexico. He has other similar leadership and professional development training that has contributed significantly to his education and continue to interest Arthur even today.

Although focused in the health care industry, Arthur has been an airman in the United States Air Force, a health care administrator with the New Mexico Department of Health, a health services administrator within correctional facilities across the country, and spent a short time in the manufacturing industry.

He is married to Donna. Donna is Native American, specifically a part of the Cherokee nation in Eastern Oklahoma. He has two children. When he is not working, he loves to read, to travel, play golf and tennis, and to continue to be a lifelong learner.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Tribal Court

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Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone (269) 783-0505
Fax (269) 783-0519

CASE NO: 09-615-PCDCS		**Court Ref: 1994000517-DP** **FOC Ref: 140004257**
Petitioner: name(s), address(es), telephone number(s): (Intentionally Omitted)	**v.**	**Respondent: name(s), address(es), telephone numbers(s):** Paul Isaac Gibson 2207 Clark Street, Apt. 6 Jonesboro, AR 72401
PUBLICATION TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO RESPONDENT		

This Court, having reviewed the *Notice and Request for Re-Publication* and having been advised in the premises,

MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1. On Friday, September 18, 2009 a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Court.

2. Tribal law **mandates** that all or an appropriate portion of per capita payments, due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.

3. On September 23, 2009 an *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* was entered by the Court to preserve the Respondent's per capita payments up to the amount of the delinquent child support obligation in order to provide Respondent **notice and an opportunity to file any objection** to the contemplated redirection of his per capita payments.

4. On October 12, 2009 the Court entered an order for publication to provide notice to the Respondent in the Tribal Newsletter because a good mailing address could not be obtained for the Respondent.

5. The objection period was to end on October 31, 2009. However, it is believed that the Newsletter did not reach tribal members until around November 1, 2009.

6. Based upon the fact that the above-mentioned publication did not provide for the running of an adequate period for Respondent to object, re-publication is needed in order to provide the Respondent that opportunity.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Court Administrator shall publish this *Re-Publication to Provide Notice to Respondent* in the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*, the Tribal newsletter.

2. The Petitioner's name and address shall be omitted on this publication notice.

3. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against Respondent's per capita payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distribution of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.

4. An *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* shall be entered by this Court thirty (30) days after the date of publication unless the Respondent files an objection(s):

a. to the **recognition** of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 5; or

b. to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6.

5. The Respondent may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* with the Court. The objection(s) must be filed on or before twenty-nine (29) after the date of publication and MUST demonstrate that:

a. the foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or

b. the foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.

6. Unless the Respondent files an objection(s) to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply **ALL** of your per capita payments, **INCLUDING** the amount that is being held by the Revenue Allocation Administrator due to the Respondent's bad address, to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligation is satisfied or until further order of this Court. The objection(s) must be filed on or before twenty-nine (29) after the date of publication and MUST demonstrate that:

a. the Respondent does not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or

b. applying all of Respondent's per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to Respondent's health or general welfare.

7. If Respondent files (a) written objection(s) based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, the Respondent will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

Michael Petoskey, Chief Judge

Be Prepared for Winter Storms

Can you believe it? It's November already and the long cold winter is just around the corner. Fortunately we've been given some very mild days, but for how much longer? This is the time for everyone to prepare for winter and what it will bring us, "Winter Storms". These Winter Storms create very dangerous situations for a lot of residents of Michigan. Unfortunately every year people of all ages are affected, and many families suffer injury or loss. According to "A Guide to Survival", U.S. Department of Commerce, National Weather Service, Warning and Forecast Branch, November 1991, NOAA/FEMA/The American Red Cross: Everyone is potentially at risk during winter storms. The actual threat to you depends on your specific situation. Recent observations indicate the following: Winter Deaths, related to ice and snow: About 70% occur in automobiles, about 25% are people caught out in the storm. Winter Deaths, related to exposure to cold: 50% are people over 60 yrs. Old, over 75% are males, about 20% occur in the home.

Here are just a few tips to prepare your home and family.

Prepare for possible isolation in your home by:

- Having sufficient heating fuel or source. If you heat by propane or natural gas, check on prices well before the winter season starts. Many times rates are lower in the off season. Avoid using kitchen stoves, and other equipment not intended to heat the inside of your home or apartment. Each year there are lives and property lost due to misuse of heating and non heating equipment.

- Winterize your home. Put plastic over windows, put weather stripping over unused doors, don't heat unused rooms, insulate and heat water pipes that have the potential to freeze. If you are a renter, ask the land lord to assist with these various needs.

- Have plenty of food and water supplies. Canned foods and foods that don't need to be refrigerated are very important, as well as foods that don't require a heat source. Water, a three day supply should always be stored, and people should always remember to stay hydrated during these hazardous times.

- Various types of equipment. Flash lights and plenty of batteries, Generator, sufficient clothing, winter hats, gloves, socks, and insulated undergarments. Fire Extinguishers, first aid kits, and a tool box with various tools. Cell phones and a weather radio to keep in touch with others and the current weather situation.

These are just a few things you and your family can do to prepare for the possibility of isolation in your home this winter season. The Pokagon Tribal Police Department has ordered home security inspection kits that will be available to Pokagon Band Members in Jan. 2010. If interested in a home security inspection by the Tribal Police, please call our office at (269)782-2232 and schedule an appointment for January 2010.



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Community Resource Officer
Pokagon Band Tribal Police Department.
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Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269)782-2232 office

K-12 Notes

Submitted by Penny Brant, Education Coordinator

NIEA Convention

We had a strong representation at the 40th Annual National Indian Education Association convention in Milwaukee, October 22nd – 25th. This last time the convention was this close to us was 36 years ago and we wanted to take advantage of having it a short drive away this year! We had an enlightening time! Lots of information and networking were presented. Many thanks to Marie Willis, Director, for stressing the importance of attending and to the Tribal Council for backing us on it.

A note of interest (and I quote from the NIEA Convention book, page 32): "The leading organizers of this Association included Sparlin Norwood, Hershal (Ace) Shamant, Marigold Linton, Rosemary Christensen, John Winchester, Will Antell, Liz Whiteman, Dillon Platero, William Demmert, and Ned Hatathli, who would become members of the first 'National Indian Education Association' Board of Directors." What an honor it was to attend such a vital function that originated from work done by late Tribal citizen, John Winchester!

Workshops covered Education, Language, and Culture with presenters from all over the country. There were classes that focused on Special Needs, After-School Programs, strengthening Math and Language Arts, behavior challenges, effective ways to integrate Culture into the classroom, and on. The ten who attended through the Department of Education (six staff and four Indian Education Parent Committee members) used a "spread out" method and covered as many classes as possible. Each day started with a General Assembly featuring lectures and presentations including Milwaukee's Mayor, Tom Barrett; Will Antell, White Earth Ojibwe and a member of the NIEA Founding Panel; Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian;Dr. marie Battist, University of Saskatchewan; and Winona LaDuke, White Earth Land Recovery Project.

Marie and Penny also presented a workshop: "14 Summers – Admitting Our Mistakes and Sharing Our Successes" highlighting the growth in the Summer Program offered through the Department of Education. Conrad Church, 2009 Camp Coordinator, shared his input, as well.

Another benefit of this experience is the networking that happens when you get so many like-minded and pro-active people together at a convention. The NIEA is a powerful organization that works on issues addressing Education for the Native American students. It has local energy with National strength.

We Have Information!

That is reassuring to read, especially coming from the Department of Education – but it is true! We just got in many very helpful booklets with a great variety of hints and help. Some of the titles are: "How to Study", "Learning Begins at Home", "Reading with Purpose", and "Help Your Child Succeed in School". Some of the booklets are intended for students to read and use and some are for parents' and guardians' use. Come in to the Department of Education and use this wonderful resource.

Tutoring

We are still scheduling K-12 children with tutoring sessions. We are also open to "temporary tutoring" when students need help getting ready for tests or completing a major project, depending upon our availability. Questions are always welcomed at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234. Ask for Penny Brant. (E-mail works well, too! Penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

Brag-Time

Feel free to brag to us about your children! Keep us informed on their growths, accomplishments, goals, awards and milestones. Contact the K-12 Program and ask for Becky, Kateri, or Penny – 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Parent and Child Magazines for You!

We have made arrangements with Scholastic Books to receive subscriptions for Parent and Child magazine. You may get your free copy at the Department of Education as well as several other departments, including Head Start, Tribal Council Lodge, Health Services, Social services, Elders' Hall, Administration, the Family Welfare Commission, and the South Bend / Mishawaka offfice. The articles cover children from newborn to "tweens" as well as great household tips, insight from all sorts of professionals and exciting ideas for tapping into your child's imagination

Family Fun Night on October 27

We had a delightful evening on October 27 with our Family Fun Night held at the Head Start Building. The evening included soup, salads, desserts, lots of giggles from children in Halloween costumes and craft teachings by Steve Perry, LTBB, of Lake Leelaunau, Michigan. There are plans for future Family Fun Nights. Keep your eyes open!

New Indian Education Parent Committee Members

Paula Hill, as the three-year representative for Van Buren County and Nora Rowe as the Van Buren one-year alternate! Alycia Atkinson has stepped up as a one-year alternate to work with Indiana's three-year rep, Nancy Petty. Nora, Alycia, and Paula join Nancy, Conrad Church, Marie Keller, and Michele Winchester on the Committee. We still have openings for three-year member and one-year alternate positions in Berrien County, and a one-year alternate for Allegan. The three-year term is active voting, while the one-year is active supporting and voting if the three-year person is not at the meeting. This is a strong way to be involved in your child's education! Thank you, Committee members, for your continued dedication!

By the way – you don't have to be elected to come to the meetings. This great group of parents appreciates input and energy from all of the parents!

Please let us know.

If your child will not be attending Lab or a tutoring session. A quick call to the Department of Education can save us an hour on the road.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Regan Dillion

By Rebecca Accoe, Education Associate

Regan Elizabeth Dillon is a second grade student at Parkwood UpJohn in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Regan is part of a wonderful family. Her parents are Mandy Wessell and Paul Dillion. Her grandma is Dawn Wesaw. Regan enjoys attending tribal events. She really enjoyed this year's powwow. Regan's favorite food is an apple. She enjoys playing soccer and the board game Sorry as well as her Nintendo DS. Regan hopes to become a teacher someday. Regan is proud to be a Native American because she has learned respect for her elders.



Gabrielle Grove

Submitted by Kateri O'Toole, Education Associate

Gabrielle Grove is 12 years old and is in Kesling Middle School in North Liberty, Indiana. Her Parents are Rachel and William Grove. Her Grandparents are Thomas and Wanda Morris, and Great Grandmother Mary Jo Morris. Gabrielle has two siblings: Caitlyn Grover, her sister, and brother Jordan Grove. One of the cultural activities Gabrielle likes to attend is the annual powwow. Her favorite food is steak, for sports it is track, and her favorite game is Sorry. Some activities that she participates in are writing, Student Council for her school, the school newspaper, and yearbook. When Gabrielle grows up she would like to write books and teach a writing class. She is proud to be a Native American because of her heritage.

Important FAFSA Information

In order to be considered eligible most financial aid opportunities including the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

You can file the FAFSA for the upcoming school year after January 1st. Apply as early as you can.

Please keep in mind:
- You must apply for every year you are in school
- While you can not apply until January 1st, you can apply for your PIN # anytime. You will need this pin # to sign your application and receiving the # early will save you time.
- Different states and institutions have different deadlines for state aid. Make sure you check with your school's financial
- aid office for deadlines.
- There is no cost to apply for the FAFSA. Be careful of organizations and websites that require you to pay to apply for the FAFSA.
- The official website to apply for the FAFSA is www.fafsa.gov .

Need help in filling out the FAFSA?
Some of the resources available are:
- Financial Aid office of your college
- Guidance office of your high school
- The College Goal Sunday website has information for each state on Sundays where local colleges host workshops to help in the FAFSA process. The website is www.collegegoalsundayusa.org
- Call the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 for assistance. We have a computer lab available where students can check out online resources and file the FAFSA. Arrangements can be made by contacting Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, to use the computer lab during non-business hours if necessary to accommodate your schedule.

2010 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ART COMPETITION

ANNOUNCED BY THE OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION

Bringing Honor Through Education is the theme for the U.S. Department of Education, Office Indian Education's 2010 Native American Student Art Competition. The competition, which celebrates the values and successes of education in Native American communities, is open to all American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades Pre-K through 12. The deadline for submissions is January 29, 2010.

By supporting this competition, the Office of Indian Education hopes to inspire students to explore the connection between their education and culture through art and writing. Entries for the 2010 Native American Student Art Competition should relate to the theme Bringing Honor Through Education and reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth. Submissions will be judged in six different grade levels, and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the artist and writing categories.

In recognition of the students' artistic talents, the 2009 Native American Student Artist winning entries were exhibited at the U.S. Department of Education, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, Oklahoma History Center, and the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture.

The Student Art Competition rules require that a student register their entry online or over the phone prior to submitting their entry. For additional information, rules, and entry form, please visit www.kids.indianeducation.org, email sac@indianeducation.org, or call (866) 259-0060.

Language Corner

Months of the year

January	big bear	Che mko gizses
February	little bear	Mko gizsos
March	sucker fish	Nmébne gizses
April	maple sugar	Zisbakdoké gizses
May	strawberry	Démen gizses
June	gardening	Gtegé gizses
July	mid-summer	Abtenibne gizses
August	blueberry	Minké gizses
September	turning leaves	Watebgya gizses
October	falling leaves	Bnakwi gizses
November	snow/winter	Bbon gizses
December	mid-winter	Abtobbon gizses

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are being held at the SMC Niles campus on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The van leaves from the Department of Education at 6:15 p.m. Classes this November are the 3rd, 10th and 17th. No class on the 24th due to the Christmas Holiday.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on Monday's at 11:00 a.m.

HEAD START NEWS

2009-2010 Enrollment

We are still accepting applications for the waiting list! Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009-2010 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment. Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Pokagon Band Head Start

*School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.

*Transportation provided in limited areas in the Dowagiac, Sister Lakes & Niles areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.

*We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

*The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated throughout each day.

*The program does accept children with disabilities.

Upcoming Events/Closures

*December 18-January 3, 2010—Closed for Christmas Break.
*January 4, 2010—School Resumes!

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated!
Items that we are always looking for:

*Play dough

*Wet wipes

*Outdoor play toys

*Sidewalk chalk

*Bubbles

*Glue sticks

*Lysol Wipes

*Art supplies

*Ziploc Bags

Happy Birthday to You! December Birthdays:

*Caiden Smith—Dec. 7, 2009
Happy 4th Birthday!

*Haley Juroff-Holloway—Dec. 10, 2009
Happy 5th Birthday!

*Sammy Linn—Dec. 20, 2009
Happy 5th Birthday!

*Mrs. Amy Wiggins—Dec. 20, 2009
Happy Birthday!

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION POKAGON BAND FAMILY WELFARE COMMISSION

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Pokagon Band is seeking applications from Pokagon Band members interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Family Welfare Commission. There is currently one seat up for appointment or re-appointment on the five member Commission. In order to protect the best interests of our children, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council formed the Family Welfare Commission by adoption of the Family Welfare Commission Ordinance on November 6, 2001. The Commission was designed, not only, to protect the best interests of Pokagon Band children, but also to: Promote the stability and security of Pokagon Band families; Recommend to the judicial and administrative agencies involved, a course of action for the guidance and care of Pokagon Band children which most preserves the unity of the family; Recommend actions that will best serve the cultural, spiritual, emotional, mental and physical welfare of the child; Recommend a continuum of services for Pokagon Band children and their families with emphasis whenever possible on prevention, early intervention, and community based alternatives; Recognize and acknowledge the cultural traditions of the Pokagon Band for child-rearing and family preservation. The Commission meets approximately once each month at Elders Hall, depending on the needs of the Commission, and meets at additional times as may be needed to address other specific matters. Family Welfare Commission members typically spend several additional hours per month preparing for Commission meetings or engaged in other Commission activities.

The Family Welfare Commission Ordinance is available at the following internet address: http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government.htm.

COMPENSATION:

Family Welfare Commissioners are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of $75 for attending each Family Welfare Commission meeting. In addition, Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Family Welfare Commission business.

QUALIFICATIONS OF COMMISSIONERS:

A. A Commissioner may not also be a member of Tribal Council.

B. An individual considered for appointment must be an enrolled Tribal member, at least 18 years of age, with knowledge and experience demonstrated through educational, occupational or volunteer activities in the following areas:

1. childhood education;
2. childhood development;
3. Pokagon Band or other tribal customs and traditions pertaining to child rearing;
4. governmental and private programs to assist children and families in need;and
5. individual and family dysfunction, the types, causes, and treatment.

C. Neither an employee nor the spouse of an employee of the Band or of the federal government, or a state or local government, who is involved with or possibly involved with the delivery of services relating to child welfare matters within the scope of the Commission duties and authority may be appointed or serve as a Commissioner.

Mno-Bmadsen

Position: Executive Director, Economic/Business Development

Mno-Bmadsen is seeking an Executive Director of Economic and Business Development. Mno-Bmadsen is an enterprise chartered by the Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians to provide economic and business development that generates revenue to fund government programs, provide livelihoods to the Pokagon Potawatomi people, and improve the quality of life for the Band membership.

This position will be responsible for identifying potential economic and business development opportunities; evaluating and recommending development opportunities to the Board of Directors; managing the start-up of approved development initiatives; analyzing and assessing the performance of on-going development projects; developing and implementing public relations and marketing strategies to promote the enterprise; overseeing accounting and financial functions; providing overall leadership and direction for the enterprise and any enterprise staff.

The Pokagon Band provides services including housing, education, family services, medical care and cultural preservation to approximately 4000 Tribal members in Southwestern Michigan, Northwestern Indiana, and abroad, through a rapidly growing Tribal Government of over 100 employees. Tribal government operations are located in Dowagiac, Michigan. This position will be located in or near the Tribal government center, although the enterprise may conduct its economic and business development activities any place in the world.

General Job Requirements:

- Bachelors Degree required. MBA or equivalent degree preferred. Minimum of 10 years of economic development, business development, and/or entrepreneurial experience is required.
- Demonstrated success in securing profitable new economic/business development opportunities.
- Outstanding interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to author and deliver easily understood presentations of complex information.
- Demonstrated ability to interface effectively with multiple levels of management, from senior corporate executives to local managers and community officials.
- Excellent quantitative and analytical skills.
- Ability to travel.
- Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) certification preferred.

Pokagon Band Indian preference policies apply.

Salary commensurate with demonstrated achievement, experience and credentials.

Resumes may be sent to The Center for management Development, Indiana University Northwest, 3400 Broadway, Gary, IN 46408-1197, or emailed to mgtctr@iun.edu.

Deadline for applications: December 15, 2009

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL
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It has been a very fast moving and memorable month since my last article. I, on behalf of the Pokagon Band, was part of history when the President of the United States invited all of the 564 federally recognized tribal leaders to Washington D.C. for a first ever meeting with a sitting President. About 400 tribal leaders attended. All but two of Michigan's federally recognized tribes were in attendance. I have included a photo of the Michigan leaders just prior to the President's remarks. In addition to listening to the President, whose remarks appear in this newsletter *(Page 14-15)*, I was able to meet and discuss a variety of concerns with Cabinet Secretaries, another very unusual opportunity. I will say that if the President fulfills his promises and his Secretaries theirs, we will be entering a completely new era in how the federal government interacts with Indian Country. The tribe has a responsibility, now more than ever, to maintain strong interactive relationship with our political partners in local, state, and federal governments.



Dr. Joe Medicine Crow and Matt Wesaw, Tribal Chair

Part of that interactive relationship building started while in D.C. Traveling with me were council member Alice Overly and Lynn Davidson, council representative for the Elders. We were able to attend and meet with Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mi), a strong supporter of native issues and also Representative Charlie Melancon (D-La) who is challenging Senator David Vitter (R-La). Senator Vitter is not a friend to Indian Country. We also met with Michigan Representatives, Dale Kildee and Nick Culp, staff to Fred Upton who was in committee hearings. Probably the most beneficial meeting was with Representative Joe Donnelly, (D-In) who represent St. Joe County. Rep. Donnelly was busy with mark-ups in the Finance Committee, but took the time to come out between votes and speak with us about mutual issues of concern in his district. It was nice to have a constituent with us, but the reception we received from Rep. Donnelly was better than we could have hoped for. He gave us a tour of the "back room" which the normal public doesn't get, and also a personal tour of part of the White House. He indicated his door is always open and he looks forward to working with us.

We also attended a reception at the National Museum of American Indian for the tribal leaders. This was very well attended and we made many new acquaintances.

A highlight for me was an opportunity to have my photo taken with Dr. Joe Medicine Crow, of the Crow Tribe who is 96 years young. He is the last war time chief of the tribe, gaining that honor during WWII. Chief Medicine Crow received the President's Gold Medal of Freedom in August of this year, the highest civilian honor to be bestowed by the President. We were honored to hear a few remarks from Chief Crow who was accompanied by his younger brother to D.C. for the meeting.

I mentioned in my last article the excitement about the vision that tribal council has been developing. We have reached the point where the vision, guiding principles and desired outcomes will be revealed to our tribal citizens. As you read this most of you will have seen the vision "POKEGNEK BODEWADMIK, POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI A PROUD, COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE COMMITTED TO STRENGTHENING OUR SOVEREIGN NATION, A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY FOCUSED ON CULTURE AND THE MOST INNOVATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS." In addition to this are the guiding principles and the desire outcomes which will identify how we will meet our vision. Council will be receiving additional training with the department directors to help us all move in unison as we continue to serve our citizens in the best way possible. Council will also begin the process of re-evaluating our "master plan" for government infrastructure. We are entering a period of positive opportunities for the tribal citizens. This doesn't include just increased government services and programs, but a period in which we will soon benefit from increased distributions from Four Winds. This will require sound business decisions from council and constructive input from our citizens who are interested in how government functions. Now is the time to take a serious look at where we want to be in twenty years and begin to establish the permanent foundation for our growth both in bricks and mortar and services.

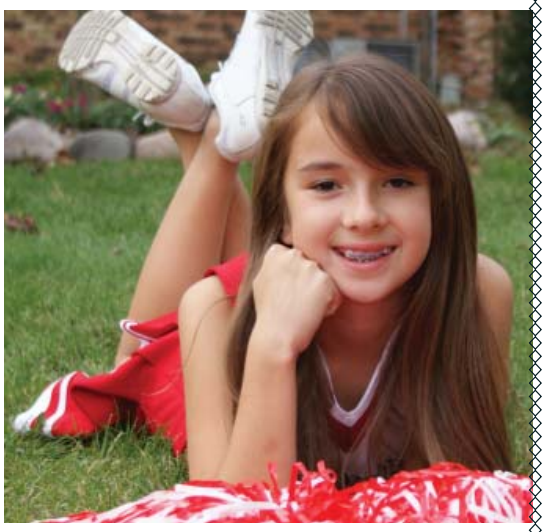
For those who attending the November 21st meeting, they will have heard to report that Council believes they have reached the point where we can confidently say that from here on out there will be a distribution each quarter. In addition, all things remaining consistent, each distribution will be larger than the previous. It has been a difficult time for many of our citizens with this economy, council is well aware of that, but council has worked very hard to correct the problem which lead to increased distributions the first year and set the expectation that each quarter would be similar. We would have been better served to receive a more accurate distribution and been consistent each quarter instead of what we have experienced this past year. It was not an intentional error, but it has created some problems for many of our people. I apologize for that error. I don't like to look to far ahead, but in the next two years we will be paying off additional debt that costs us about 50 million each year. In two years that money should be available for distribution pending decisions on debt reduction, and expansion. Those tow items can be accomplished with our ability to still increase the monthly stipend and support new and improved programs.

With the help of our lobbyist, I have been able to schedule another meeting with Andrew Norris of Governor's Daniel's office. Mr. Norris was going meet here but his school schedule couldn't be changed. I hope to make serious progress in obtaining appointments for tribal citizens who live in this state. The Governor doesn't post vacancies, but is willing to review potential openings. We need to aggressively pursue the appointment of our people to government positions.

In closing, I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and that you all enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends. I would like to thank Tribal Council for their generosity and concern for our tribal citizens with the approval of the Christmas gift card for our children and the check for the adults along with the food baskets. I know this doesn't satisfy everyone, but it helps. My phone is always on and my door is always open. If you are in the area please stop in and say hi.

- Matt

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy 11th Birthday!
December 29th
Cheyenne Harmon

With All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Alexis, Cody
and
Your Guardian Angel Grammy



Happy Birthday Ahmad Birks

Love Big Daddy and Mommica

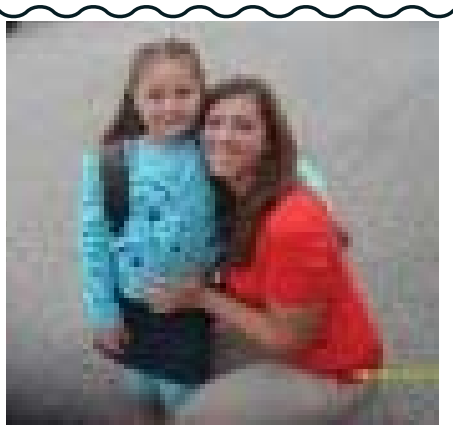
Happy 20th Birthday
Taylor Morseau

Love,
Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh,
Sydney, and Chelsy



Congratulations, Cheryl Morseau on the new baby peh noh jas.

Love your Family.



Happy 6th Birthday Sierra Helmke! You have grown into such a beautiful young lady! We are so very proud of you and love you with all our hearts! Love Always, Mom, Buddy, Marlie Jo and Parker

Happy birthday to my mom
Karen Spicher on Dec. 17.

Happy 4th Birthday to my little brother and sister Michael and Madisyn on Dec. 14

From Amanda Spicher



Martha, Josh, and Sydney Olson
like to introduce their new member to their family.

Chelsy Ariel Olson
Born on October 5, 2009
6 lbs 9 oz 19 3/4



Happy Belated 21st Birthday

Danni Rapp

Love,
Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh, Sydney, and Chelsy



Congratulations Sierra Helmke on winning the Dowagiac Halloween contest! You looked great! Love Always, Mom, Buddy, Marlie Jo, and Parker

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations for your high school graduation, Garrison Harold Grubb. You deserve a break!

Love Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday to the following:

Regina King – Dec. 1
Joseph Swisher – Dec. 1
Paula Haggard – Dec. 5
Ralph Wilson – Dec. 12
TJ Bayro – Dec. 15
Lisa Edwards – Dec. 16
Pamela Wilson – Dec. 19
Jeanette Bogle – Dec. 20
Michael Bayro – Dec. 24
David Pointer - Dec. 25
Nancy Kenny – Dec. 27
Dorothy Burgh Dec. 28
Ray Lopez Jr. - Dec. 28
Ashley Cowgill – Dec. 28
Megan Marie Carpenter – Dec. 30
Marlene Brown – Dec. 31
Amy Bayro – Dec. 31

From Dorothy Burgh



Congratulations on transferring to Northeast Iowa Community College and
Happy 19th Birthday Garrison Grubb

From Mom and Dad

Notice to All Artists Who Are Pokagon Band Members

Thank You! to all the artists who contributed their work to the Four Winds Casino Gift Shop Consignment Program. The Pokagon Tribal Artwork section is beautiful and is continuing to experience good sales. The gift shop at Four Winds Casino Resort has been open awhile and will need more art in the months to come. You are invited to bring new artwork every other month at an informal meeting.

The next two reviews will be held on Saturday, January 23rd.
The review will be held from 10:00am to Noon at the Four Winds Casino Hotel.

This will be in a conference room - just inquire at the front desk. Amy Senninger, who is the Liaison for the Tribal Artists, and the Gift Shop Management Team will be there to meet artists and review their artwork. We will be available as resources on that day to discuss what is selling and why. The most popular price range is in the range of $15.00 to $60.00. We are starting to sell more expensive items on occasion. We will offer our thoughts on creating a balanced collection with items in all price ranges, including a
few high-end ones. Jewelry and crafts that have "casino" themes, such as dice, cards etc. seem to be experiencing popularity, but buying habits are as many and varied as the people buying. The main thing is to focus on what truly brings you pleasure to make. You do not have to be a professional artist to be eligible.

We have also received requests for artwork that features the symbolism of clans.
In addition, Amy will offer on-the-spot tips on how to present artwork in the most saleable way for the lowest cost, with regards to matting and framing.

Bring what you have and get ideas on how to sell it!

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YOU MUST BE A POKAGON BAND MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLACING YOUR WORK IN THE GIFT SHOP AT FOUR WINDS CASINO RESORT.

PLEASE BRING YOUR ENROLEMENT CARD

Calling All Tribal Artists

We are putting together a reference book that will be available at the Gift Shop at Four Winds Casino Resort. The book would have as many artists represented as possible, including those selling in the Gift Shop and those who are not. For each person, I would need a photo of the artist, a brief statement (not to exceed a couple of paragraphs) and, a few pictures - at most six - of the artist's work. If you are already selling or have sold your work in the Gift Shop and we already have a photo and statement, all I would need are photos of your recent work. If you are not selling at the Gift Shop, I need all three: your headshot, your statement, pictures of your work. I would prefer that you send these by email to me at my email address (amysenninger@gmail.com) in digital form (JPEG, if possible) but if you need to send printed photos you may send them to:

Att: Jodi Poplas Gift Shop
Four Winds Casino Resort
11111 Wilson Road ,New Buffalo, Michigan 49117
The deadline for sending your information to me is November 21, 2009.

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Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay $8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:
Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!

EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Tribal Council has approved the Pokagon Higher Education Technology Stipend for those citizens in the process of pursing higher education degrees. The program provides financial support, on a one-time basis for technology needs.

For more eligibility info, please contact Marie Willis at the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

Application forms are also available online at the Pokagon website at **www.pokagon.com** in the Department of Education section.

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